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JOSEPH C. FAULSTICH,  
MAYOR OF ALTON.



## THE CITY HALL, ALTON, ILLINOIS.

One of the Most Renowned Public Buildings of the Mississippi Valley, Rich in Historic Memories,  
and a Fine Type of the Best Taste in American Architecture.

From a Stand Erected Underneath the Balconies on the Market Street Side, Lincoln and Douglas Fascinated and Enthralled  
Thousands of Zealous Listeners in 1858. Trumbull, Owen Lovejoy, John A. Logan, Robert J. Ingersoll,  
Richard Yates, Speaker Cannon, Senator Cullom and Scores of Other Distinguished  
Orators Have Thundered Forth From Here in Eloquent Terms on  
the Important Questions Which Have Interested  
Generations of American Freemen.





### A GROUP OF CITY OFFICERS.

Top (left to right)—Bart. R. Kennedy, City Clerk; John E. Schwaab, Engineer; Louis Berner, Treasurer.  
 Center—John J. Hammond, Assessor; Silas F. Connor, Clerk City Court; John J. Brenholt, Corporation Counsel (and former Mayor);  
 George T. Davis, Comptroller; Emil G. Wade, Assistant City Engineer.  
 Bottom—Harry H. Lessner, Police Magistrate; George H. Crowson, Harbor Master; Joseph R. Lachance, Chief of Police;  
 Roe D. Watson, City Attorney.



SUMMER MIDDAY SCENE ON AN ALTON THOROUGHFARE—PIASA, CORNER WEST THIRD STREET.



### THE BOARD.

On April 16, at the Annual Election.

BERNARD J. DERWIN,  
(TOP)

and

DAVID S. NOONAN,  
(BOTTOM)

Were Elected to the Board to Succeed Two  
of the Aldermen, Whose Terms  
Expired at This Time.







### THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Top (left to right)—John P. Bauer, Edward Bowman, Clarence B. Hawkins, William B. Hagerman.  
 Center—John W. Olmstead, Alexander F. Cousley, George Burton, George A. Hemken, John C. McGuan.  
 Bottom—Frank E. Johnson, Joseph R. Miller, Jeremiah P. Callaghan, Orland Hemphill, Peter Guertler.



### GENERAL OFFICERS ALTON BOARD OF TRADE.

Top (left to right)—H. H. Ferguson, Vice-President. Eben Rodgers, President. August Luer, Vice-President.  
 Center—Louis J. Hartmann, Treasurer, and President Retail Merchants' Association. William H. Joesting, Executive Committee. Joseph C. Faulstich, Executive Committee, and Mayor of Alton. John M. Pfeiffenberger, Secretary.  
 Bottom—Horatio J. Bowman, Jr., Executive Committee. George H. Mosser, Secretary and General Manager.



GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

Harvey L. Black, President. William J. Boals, Secretary. Thomas Morfoot, Vice-President. Herman Luer, Treasurer.



GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Charles L. Goulding, Vice-President. Casper J. Jacoby, Executive Committee. Louis Flach, Treasurer.  
 Harry E. Robertson, Executive Committee. George Rose, Secretary. Harry J. May, Executive Committee.





### WEST THIRD STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS.

About this Point Many of the Leading Retailers Center. Three of the Banks are to be Found Here, and the Board of Trade and the Retail Merchants' Association have Offices in the Commercial Building, the Fine Modern Structure at the Extreme Left of the Picture.

# ALTON--ILLINOIS.

## Section One.

Boundless Resources and Opportunities of the  
City and Its Suburbs.

By George H. Mosser,

Secretary and Manager of the Alton Board of Trade.



COLONEL RUFUS EASTON,

Founder of the  
City of Alton.

commercial establishments and homes, Alton bids the entire world to this favored spot where Nature and Man have conspired to promote trade and manufacture, where opportunity imbues business with the germ of youth and progress plumes her wings for still greater flights.

Alton is "The City That Came Back." Founded, platted and laid out in 1817 and incorporated in 1833, it vied for years with St. Louis for supremacy of the Mississippi River, when the locomotive was unknown and that great stream was the artery of trade of the mid-continent. More than a half century it slept on its rights, permitting other cities and towns less favored by nature to forge to the front. Alton's slow growth during so many years of its existence is even more amazing than the wonderful progress of

ALTON, Dean of Illinois municipalities, began 1912 thoroughly inoculated with the serum of Improvement. Realizing anew that its commanding position on the Mississippi River and in the heart of the Middle West insures a constant increase in population and a steady growth, Alton has inaugurated a "get-together" movement among its people to better enable it to measure up to its possibilities. Offering exceptional advantages for more industries,



"STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT."

For an Industrial Centre Alton's Location is Simply  
Magnificent.

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THE ALTON POST OFFICE.

The Post Office is Located on Third and Alby Streets—A Sightly Site for this \$100,000 Structure.

The Mails Are Under the Supervision of the Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster,  
With Thirty Carriers, Substitute Carriers and Clerks. The Post  
Office Business for 1910 Amounted to Nearly \$47,000.

St. Louis during the same period. Every natural feature on which the greatness of St. Louis is based finds its equal or superior in Alton. Equally blessed at the start, this disparity is one of the most surprising historical and commercial facts of the age. But in the short space of the last decade there has come an awakening. The old, dreamy town, indifferent and even contemptuous of the noise and stir about it, is no more. The spirit of modernity prevails. As in the world of sport it takes a good athlete to "come back," so Alton "came back" and is now in the second stage of progress.

The building of a city in these days is a business proposition, pure and simple. The old Alton lacked organized effort in town development. The new Alton has it, and that is the vital difference.

The Board of Trade is the industrial, commercial and civic dynamo of this rejuvenated Alton. It is conserving the energy of its people and acting as the power house for the city of today. It includes in its membership leading commercial, professional and manufacturing men, welded together for the general advancement of Alton, unhampered by party, religion or clan. It aims for the general good. Its chief purposes are best stated in the pledge taken by its members: To advertise, at home and abroad, Alton and its civic, commercial and industrial advantages; to stimulate local pride among its people; to work for an increase of home owners; to improve its public facilities; to better its eleemosynary institutions; to establish good roads throughout Madison and surrounding counties; to obtain better recognition of its manufacturers and their benefits



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to Alton; to bring additional industries to Alton; to obtain general recognition of its local merchants as distributors of goods; to promote scientific agriculture and the establishment of co-operative associations among the farmers and encourage raising of diversified crops in Madison County; to gain more complete recognition and support of Alton newspapers as leading factors in the moral, mental and financial uplift of the city.

The Board of Trade began operations July 15th, 1911, and at once instituted the greatest publicity movement any city in Southern Illinois ever has known. In the first five months more than sixty thousand folders and other forms of literature were sent all over the United States, to Canada and Mexico, telling of Alton's awakening and its crusade of development. A campaign of education was carried on in the local newspapers and the press of St. Louis and Madison County. Hundreds of columns were printed educating Altonians and the world at large to the resources and



PIASSA STREET, FROM THIRD.

On This Enterprising Section Are Located a Number of the Important Industries of  
Alton—Machine Builders, Merchants and the Office of the Daily Telegraph.

opportunities offered by the "bigger and better Alton." During the closing weeks of December a campaign was conducted which added four hundred and eight memberships to the Board of Trade in six hours. The campaign lasted three days, two hours a day, and each new membership was signed up for three years, the dues being \$25 per annum. The result is that Alton now has one of the strongest commercial organizations of any city of like size in the country.

Among Alton's cardinal points which are being impressed on the public are these: The cheapest coal in the Middle West; unlimited water from the Mississippi River and artesian wells; enough raw building material for the whole Mississippi Valley; transportation by twelve railways

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and three great rivers; the central point in a population of 50,000,000 and its markets; natural drainage and healthful location; St. Louis freight rates, without the bridge arbitrary; a city that knows no panics or epidemics; the ideal spot for manufacture, business and home.

Alton has industrial characteristics which make it stand high among cities of the Middle West. It boasts of the largest oil refinery in the Mississippi Valley and the biggest hollow-ware glass plant in the world. It has a smelter producing one-seventh of the country's entire lead output. It is the home of two plants that place Alton fifth among flour centers of the United States. It follows Chicago and East St. Louis as the third biggest meat packing city in Illinois. Its manufacturing district has one hundred and two industries with an annual output of from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000. It is included in the Keokuk, Iowa, cheap hydro-electric power zone.

With the cheapest coal in the Middle West and hydro-electric power from the great Keokuk dam, which will be in operation in 1913, Alton offers exceptional attractions to manufacturers.

The electric current generated by the Mississippi will be transmitted from Hamilton, Illinois, opposite Keokuk, to Alton, where the lines will be extended across the Mississippi River to Florissant, Missouri, and from thence to St. Louis.

Alton is the center of the largest bituminous coal field west of the Alleghenies. It has the cheapest coal rate in Illinois or Missouri. The minimum rate is twenty-five cents and the maximum thirty-two cents per ton. The best steam coal is laid right in front of the furnaces of Alton manufacturers at from eighty-two to eighty-five cents per ton. In St. Louis the cheapest price for this grade of fuel is \$1.05 per ton on yearly contracts. Alton has one of the largest oil refineries in the country, which furnishes cheap fuel oil for manufacturing purposes.

The one hundred and two industries in the Alton manufacturing district produce oil and its by-products, glass, lead, zinc, paper,

flour, mining tools, shovels, heavy hammers, railroad track tools, powder, paper boxes, lime, machinery, foundry products, ice, woodenware, plows, meats, cartridges, soft drinks, beer, brooms, boxes, doors, sashes, building material, brick and other clay products, agricultural implements, cigars, barrels and rugs.

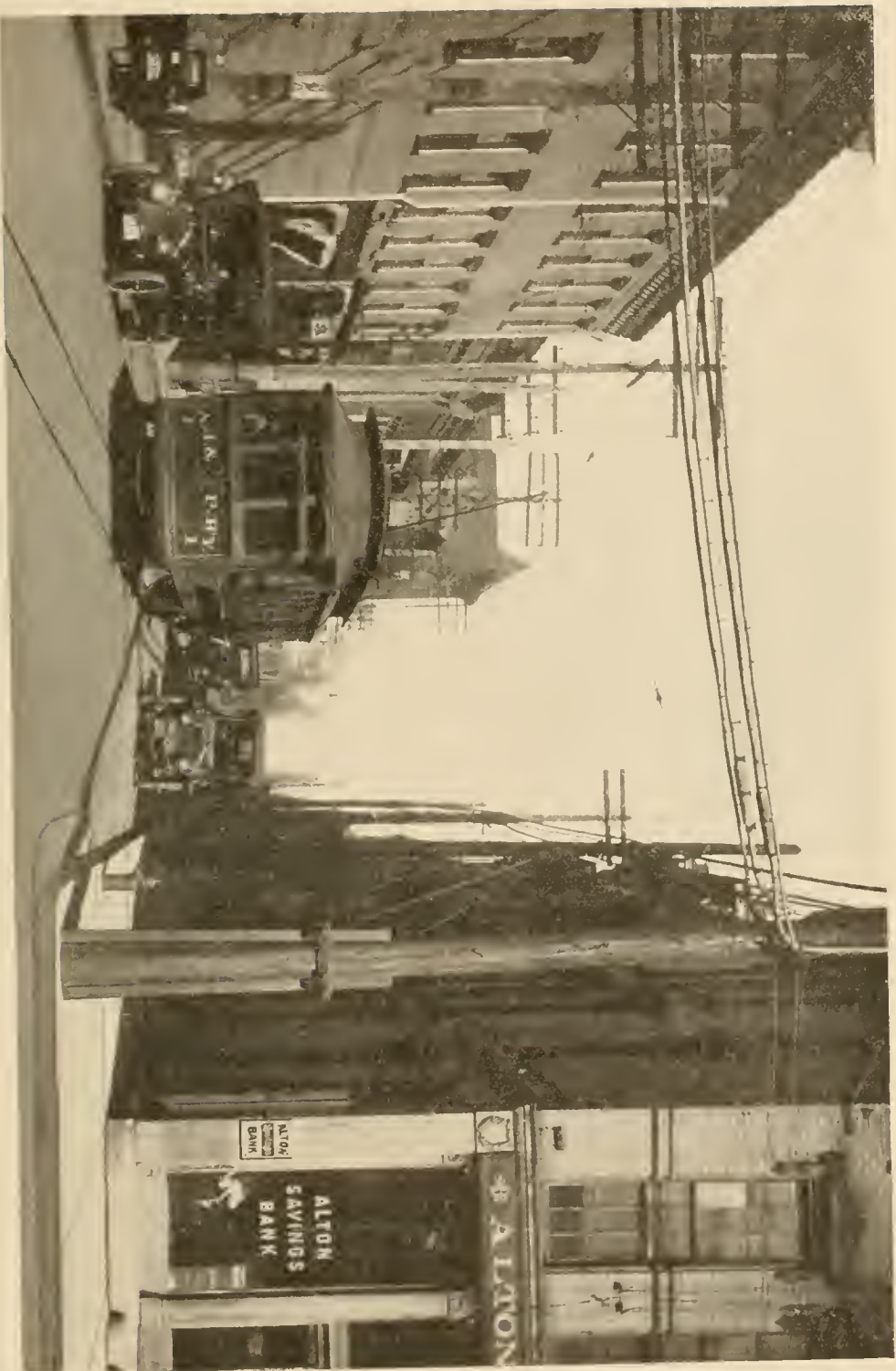
Among the most potential of Alton's resources are its raw materials. The bluffs on which Alton stands are of solid limestone, covered with the finest quality of clay, from thirty to one hundred feet deep. Alton has enough limestone to supply the Mississippi Valley with lime and building stone for the next thousand years. This limestone is equal to the best quarried. It is cheap and durable. Lime from the Alton quarries is of a very pure carbonate and in great demand.

Alton brick is a stylish red, capable of fine finish. The city's most pretentious residences and buildings are built of it, the streets are paved with it, and this product ranks high among building constructors everywhere. Alton's large modern plants have a heavy annual output of brick and all kinds of clay products.



LOOKING UP EAST SECOND STREET.

This Avenue is One the Main Business Arteries Running Through a Busy Section of the City.



### BELLE STREET, FROM THIRD.

The Gateway and Entrance to One of the Most Important City Trade Centers, and Leading Out to a Magnificent Suburban District, via the Alton, Jacksonville & Peoria Trolley Line.



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STATE STREET, AS SEEN FROM THE CORNER OF SECOND.

A Notable Thoroughfare on Which Are Located Some of the Heavy Mercantile Firms, and On the Upper Portion of Which Are Many of the Elegant Residences of Alton.

Sand of the best quality is obtained in inexhaustible quantities, at minimum cost, from the Mississippi River. Centrifugal pumps draw it from the river bed and load it directly on cars or barges for shipment. The cost to the Alton consumer for this sand is fifty-six cents per cubic yard. Immense beds of fire brick clay, equal to the New Jersey kind in quality, are found near Upper Alton and East Alton. Cement deposits in immense quantities underlie the soil surrounding Alton. In addition lead, white sand and bituminous shale are found and admit of commercial possibilities.

As a distributing center for manufacturers and jobbers, Alton has the advantages of St. Louis without many of its drawbacks. It has seven trunk railways entering the city directly and connection by means of belt lines with five other systems. All these railroads are in what is known as the East St. Louis freight zone—that is, the St. Louis freight rates without the bridge tariff.

The Alton shipper is not incommoded with congested terminals as is the case in St. Louis and East St. Louis, the service being from twelve to twenty-four hours speedier, particularly on consignments North and East.

The Alton industrial zone, at the head of the American Bottoms, which is the most rapidly developing manufacturing district in the United States, covers nearly eighteen square miles and has thousands of acres available for manufacturing sites with unlimited water, natural drainage and transportation facilities. It has nearly ten miles of river frontage, along which sites for industrial plants are available with advantages of water and rail for freight. In addition, the whole river front is paralleled by railroad tracks affording terminal connections with trunk lines, which have an aggregate of 48,000 miles.

Alton has suffered because the world is but partially aware of its superior opportunities. The industries that it has are soundly built and firmly propped by the financial resources of our

city, and the spirit which such industries engender is the spirit which Alton offers to the manufacturer who seeks it and deserves it.

The average American family can live as well for less money in Alton as in any other city, or what is the same thing, can live better for the same money. Real estate values are low. That fully sixty per cent of Alton workmen own their own homes is attested by the last statements of the seven Building and Loan Associations of our City, which have resources of \$1,389,403.

Food stuffs are low in cost. Madison County, of which Alton is the metropolis, increased forty per cent in population during the past decade. Its soil is rich and its farmers and truck gardeners raise immense crops for home consumption and the markets of St. Louis and Chicago. The cost of living is reflected in the wage cost. Our actual wage cost, what economists call the purchasing power of a day's work, is larger. Car fares but rarely enter into the workman's expenses. Parks and libraries and the river, with its attractions, offer a considerable part of his entertainment. This, coupled with the low cost of food stuffs, cheap rent, and low taxes, places within reach of the workingman of Alton a plane of living far beyond that of many of his fellow craftsmen in other cities, who are receiving higher cash wages.

Alton has assessable property (1910 figures) of \$14,179,938. Its tax rate that year was 4.5 mills on the dollar, at a one-third valuation. Its bonded indebtedness is \$59,500 or \$2.91 to each person.

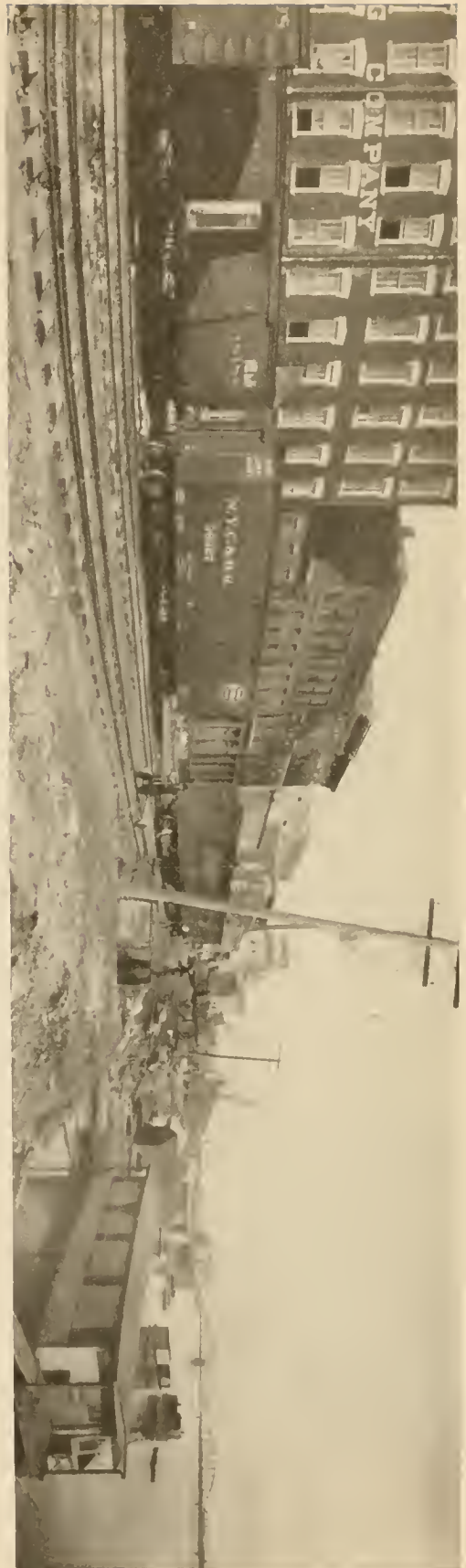
Labor troubles in Alton, particularly in its large industrial plants, are practically unknown. Many of our manufacturers themselves are graduates from the bench. The reasonable desires of the men have been met without any serious trouble and arbitration generally has proven effective.

In the Alton manufacturing district, as shown by official reports just completed by State Factory Inspectors, are now employed 8,729 persons, of whom 7,856 are male and 873 are female. Alton is the largest city in Illinois and Missouri which has the greatest available supply of woman labor.

There are 784 industrial, professional and mercantile establishments in the district,

Some of the Manufactories, Flour Mills and Elevators, With the "Burlington" Bridge Over "The Father of Waters" on the Horizon.

#### A SECTION OF THE LEVEE FRONTING ON THE MISSISSIPPI.



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THE C. & A. DEPOT, WITH THE IRON HORSE IN THE FOREGROUND.

Over Sixty Passenger Trains Arrive and Depart from Alton Daily, Showing in a Slight Degree the Ceaseless Activities of the City of Today.

divided as follows: Alton proper, 726; Wood River, 26; East Alton, 28; Federal, 4. The total number of manufactories in the district is 102, of which 91 are in Alton proper, 7 in East Alton, 1 in Wood River and 3 in Federal.

To prove that Alton's cost of living is lower than any cities of like size, attention is called to a specific instance: The taxes of a six room house, with modern improvements, valued at \$3,000, are \$25; the cost of 12,000 feet of illuminating or fuel gas is \$12; the water rate for a year is \$9. Total annual cost for taxes, light and water, \$46.

A feature of particular interest to manufacturers is the fact that the greater part of Alton's manufacturing district is outside of the city limits and free from corporation taxes. Yet, the most valuable sites are within access of the best shipping facilities, and electricity for lighting and power.



THE "BURLINGTON" BRIDGE AT ALTON.

The Steamer "Alton" is Seen Just Passing the Draw, Making for the Landing at the "Bluff City" After a Delightful Trip from St. Louis.





BIT OF ONE OF THE MANUFACTURING CENTERS OF ALTON.

A Hive of Industries, Showing a Portion of the Plants of the Beall Brothers, The Duncan Foundry and Machine Works and the Electric Power Plant in the Valley, with the Beautiful Highlands of North Alton Beyond.





L. PFEIFFERBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.

## AN ELEGANT ALTON RIVER-SIDE RESIDENCE.

"PIASA BIRD LODGE," HOME OF H. M. SCHWEPPE.

This Home is Built on the Point of Bluffs on Which was Painted the Picture of the Famous "Piasa Bird." The Indians Believed this Bird was an Evil Spirit.

Early Historians Speak of the Painting as Being "Painted High Up on the Bluff at a Point Just Above the Mouth of the Missouri River," and They Describe it as Being "A Body of a Beast, Head of a Deer and Tail of a Reptile."



### STEAMER QUINCY

Of the Streckfus Steamboat Company, Making the Waterway Connections Between Alton, St. Louis, and All of the Most Important Cities and Towns of the Mississippi to St. Paul.

# Section Two.

## Transportation Facilities by Rail, Water and Trolley.



By George H. Mosser,

Secretary and Manager of the Alton Board of Trade.

There are six natural prime factors necessary for the growth of a city—transportation, raw materials, fuel, power, markets and labor—and of these one of the most important is transportation.

This feature is considered by the manufacturer seeking a location, and here Alton scores heavily—it ships by rail and river.

Alton has seven steam railroads, also two interurban electric roads, and complete city service. Less than an hour's ride from St. Louis, the steam roads embrace the great trunk lines—the Clover-Leaf-Alton; New York Central; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Wabash; Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis. They extend North, East, South and West, with an aggregate of more than 31,000 miles. In addition to these railroads entering Alton directly, the Illinois Terminal R. R. Co., a belt line of twenty-three miles, connects them with the Litchfield & Madison, Troy & Eastern, Illinois Central and Pennsylvania systems, with a total exceeding 17,000 miles. Thus Alton has direct connection with 48,000 miles of railway reaching to all points of the compass. The Missouri & Illinois Bridge & Belt R. R. Co. maintains a service from Alton over the Mississippi River. The freight tonnage to and from Alton for the year 1910 approximately

was 2,783,132 tons. The service furnished by these railroads to Alton shippers is unexcelled anywhere. The main lines of the Chicago & Alton and the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis run through

### EX-MAYOR BEALL.

Mayor of Alton  
for Three Terms,  
1905-1911.

Under His Wise, Energetic and Far-Seeing Policies Alton Made Immense Gains in Reputation and Public Improvements.

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STEAMER BALD EAGLE, OF THE EAGLE PACKET COMPANY'S LINE.

The Steamers of this Line Cover Both Passenger and Freight Service Between Alton and St. Louis and to Points in the North, and Cape Girardeau and All Intermediate Points South.

the city. The main lines of the Burlington system both East and West of the Mississippi River, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, the New York Central Lines and the Wabash are within switching distance. Each of the latter roads maintain switching service, and traffic from their main line junctions is handled promptly and with daily frequency via the Illinois Terminal Railroad. Similar prompt service is maintained with the Pennsylvania system.

A notable advantage of Alton shippers is the handling of their traffic by the trunk lines in through trains. This is done at main line junctions, away from the congestion prevailing at large terminal points. Carload shipments from Alton have been delivered in New York City in less than four days. Alton, by reason of its geographical location, enjoys the Mississippi River or East St. Louis basis of

rates—the most desirable in the country for general distribution. The general freight schedule which the railroads have given Alton as com-

pared with Chicago follows: To and from New York and Eastern cities generally, sixteen per cent higher than Chicago rates; to Virginia and the Carolinas, same as Chicago rates; to the Southeast, the Mississippi Valley, Texas and West to the Rocky Mountains, from five cents to twenty cents per hundred pounds less than Chicago; to Minneapolis and Canadian points directly North, five per cent higher than Chicago; to the Pacific coast, same as Chicago.

The steam and electric railways furnish cheap and rapid communication to St. Louis and East St. Louis. The Chicago & Alton, New York Central (Big Four), and the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis charge ninety cents for the round trip to St. Louis and



"THE FIREMAN."

Typical of the C. & A. R. R., One of Alton's Best Servitors.



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### THE STEAMER G. W. HILL.

Regular St. Louis and Calhoun County Packet Steamer, Making All Landings from St. Louis on the Mississippi above Alton to Rip Rap Landing. Leaving St. Louis Twice a Week.

sell monthly commutation tickets of sixty rides for \$10, or 16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cents one way. East St. Louis is reached by the Alton, Granite & St. Louis Electric line, fifty cents one way, ninety cents the round trip. This electric line is part of the East Side System which runs cars hourly and reaches Edwardsville, Collinsville, Belleville, Lebanon and O'Fallon—all thriving cities. At Granite City connections are made with the McKinley interurban system.

The Alton, Jacksonville & Peoria Electric Line will reach Jerseyville, Carrollton, Roodhouse, Whitehall, and many other live towns in the most populous part of agricultural Illinois when finished.

At the tenth annual convention of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association held in Alton October

25th and 26th, 1911, it was demonstrated by transportation experts that Alton is one of the most important river ports of entry and has been for many years. Its position on the Mississippi, with the mouth of the Illinois eighteen miles above, and the mouth of the Missouri seven miles below, gives it a valuable location for river traffic.

Alton's various boat lines have a gross tonnage in and outbound of more than 25,000 tons per year.

The Mississippi with its tributaries are equalizers of freight rates, salient advantages in the matter of transportation of a manufacturing city. Alton's waterways, reinforcing its railroads, give it connection with the tributaries of the upper and

lower Mississippi—the Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland.



"THE ENGINEER."

The Flyers of the C. & A. Well Represent  
the Speed and Thundering Velocity  
of the Twentieth Century.

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A MISSISSIPPI YACHT—"MADE IN ALTON."

The Sparks Manufacturing Company of Alton Build a Line of Fine Yachts Which Float the Fame of the City to All Points on Western and Southern Waters.

The Standard Oil Company is now using barge lines for carrying its oil from Alton to ports along the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

The navigable mileage of these rivers is given in the report of the U. S. Inland Waterway Commission as follows: For the Mississippi, 2429.5; the Missouri, 2284.8; the Ohio (Cairo to Pittsburg), 967; the Illinois, Tennessee and Cumberland, 1395.

These rivers alone, excluding other navigable streams like the Arkansas, give Alton a mileage of 7075.6 miles of navigable streams in service last year,

with a total of 15,000 miles capable of being brought into service for steamer navigation. The steamboat lines operating in and out of the Alton harbor regularly are as follows:



A FAMOUS ALTON YACHT,  
"THE OUATOGA."

Owned by Dr. William A. Haskell.

The Eagle Packet Co. which owns and operates the Alton Wharfboat and the Steamers Alton, Cape Girardeau, Bald Eagle, Spread Eagle, Grey Eagle, and Eagle; the Streckfus Steamboat Line operates the steamers

St. Paul, Quincy, Dubuque and Sidney; the St. Louis & Hamburg Packet Co., operates the steamers G. W. Hill and the Omaha.

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THE C. & A. DEPOT, LOOKING UP MARKET STREET.

With the City Hall on the Left, and the Illini Hotel in the Extreme Distance.

The Independent Packets include the steamers Belle of Calhoun, Ben Hur, City of Peoria, Keystone State and Mary. Alton has regular packets to St. Paul, daily packet service to Illinois River points and St. Louis, and direct connection with Kansas City and New Orleans packets. A ferry system is operated between Alton and the Missouri shore opposite.

The Panama Canal and the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway projects spell great things for the Alton of the future: With the installation of modern type barges to replace the picturesque, but obsolete, Mississippi steamers now in service and the deepening of the river channel, the augmented commerce of the Mississippi will prove a mighty factor in the development of the whole country.

Through Alton harbor southward will pass the traffic of St. Paul, Minneapolis and the great cities at the head of the Mississippi. Also the tremendous commerce of Chicago and the Great Lakes, via the Chicago Canal and the Illinois River.

Through the Panama Canal, Gulf of Mexico and up the Mississippi past Alton northward will sail ocean-going steamers laden with the products of the Pacific and the Orient, as well as Atlantic barks carrying the products of Europe and the rest of the world.



THE CHICAGO, PEORIA & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY DEPOT.

This Line Makes from Alton the Delightful Along-the-River Under-the-Bluffs Trip to Clifton Terrace, Lock Haven, Elsah, Chautauqua and Grafton, and via the Main Line, Inland Trips to Jerseyville, Springfield and Peoria.





L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.

### A NOTABLE SUBURBAN RESIDENCE.

HOME OF EDWARD RODGERS,

President of the Alton Brick Company.

The Outlying Country About Alton is Rich in Almost Every Good Thing That Makes Life Worth the Living, and This Representative American Villa is in a Delightful Section, About Three Miles from the Center of the City.





SOME PICTURESQUE CORNERS IN A RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF ALTON.

Liberty and Fifteenth Streets, With Home of H. H. Ferguson, a Delight to the Eye, the Striking Feature of the Picture.

## Section Three.

### Alton's Financial Facilities.

By George H. Mosser,

Secretary and Manager of the Alton Board of Trade.



SAMUEL WADE,

President Alton National Bank  
1877-1885.

Mayor 1849-1855-1857.

In a popular contest recently conducted by the Board of Trade to select a slogan most emblematic of Alton more than five hundred suggestions were offered. The one awarded the prize was: "*Alton, the City That Knows No Panics.*"

While ever alert to the commercial opportunities of Alton, the banking business of this city is characterized by methods of sanity and conservation. The five banks, with aggregate resources of \$5,360,000.00, have never known a failure. During the financial crises of the past half century, no cash payments have been refused for pay rolls or deposits, a record of which very few cities can boast. The pulse of the city's prosperity is felt through its bank clearings. During the past year the clearings of the five Alton banks totaled \$18,527,575. Within the last ten years the deposits of Alton banks have increased fully 45 per cent.

The Board of Trade is calling particular attention to the fact that the financial institutions of Alton are anxious and willing to offer every comfort and credit to deserving enterprises. A major portion of the credit for the prosperity of Alton is due its banks. Their absolute solvency, healthy condition, facilities, lodgement and equipment attest that the factors of safety and legitimate business methods have been united with liberality to business enterprises equally for the protection of depositors and vigilant wardenship over every trust committed to their care.

Alton's first banks date from 1836. In that year, Joseph Duncan being Governor, a new State bank was created and the charter of the Shawneetown bank revived. Branches of both of

these banks were placed in Alton. The State bank occupied the building on Market street recently razed to make room for the Illini Hotel. The Shawneetown branch was located in a brick structure on State street, now the site of the William Fries establishment. During these early days nearly \$1,000,000 was expended to divert the upper Mississippi River trade from St. Louis to Alton, and the venture nearly threw one of the banks into insolvency. These two branches of the State bank were entirely liquidated in due time. The two local banks, subsequently organized, in 1865 assumed the national system under which they greatly prospered. The First National Bank built a handsome structure at Third and State streets, and in 1882 it sold its building and business to the Alton National Bank. The same year the Alton Savings Bank was organized. Its advent was due to the increase of manufacturing in Alton and the need of more banking facilities.

The Citizens National Bank began business in 1899 and three years later, the



CHARLES A. CALDWELL.  
President Alton National Bank, 1885-1895.  
Mayor, 1873.



Alton Banking and Trust Company opened its doors. It now occupies one of the handsomest structures in the city, at the corner of Weigler and Second streets. In 1909 the First Trust and Savings Bank began its existence.

What the Alton banks showed thirty-five years ago: Capital, \$200,000; Surplus and Profits, \$110,000; Deposits, \$1,000,000; Loans, \$900,000; Total Resources, \$1,500,000.

What the Alton banks showed Dec. 5, 1911: Capital, \$500,000; Surplus, \$543,000; Deposits, \$4,160,577.91; Loans and Investments, \$4,120,069.37; Total Resources, \$5,362,105.64.

Alton banks are paying interest to depositors annually between \$75,000 and \$80,000, the interest paid the depositors being far in excess of the dividends paid to the stockholders of the banks. This represents over \$2,500,000 on deposit in the Alton banks on savings accounts and time certificates, upon which the banks pay 3 per cent interest. This is a showing of which both the depositors and banks should be proud. The banks utilize all the best modern business methods.

#### ALTON BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY.

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS, \$120,000.00.

Samuel H. Wyss, President.  
August Luer, Vice-President.

C. H. Seger, Cashier.  
W. J. Gossrau, Asst. Cashier.

DIRECTORS—August Luer, A. A. Sotier, Herman Luer,  
S. H. Wyss, H. O. Tonsor, C. H. Seger.





L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.

## ALTON NATIONAL BANK.

West Third and State Streets.

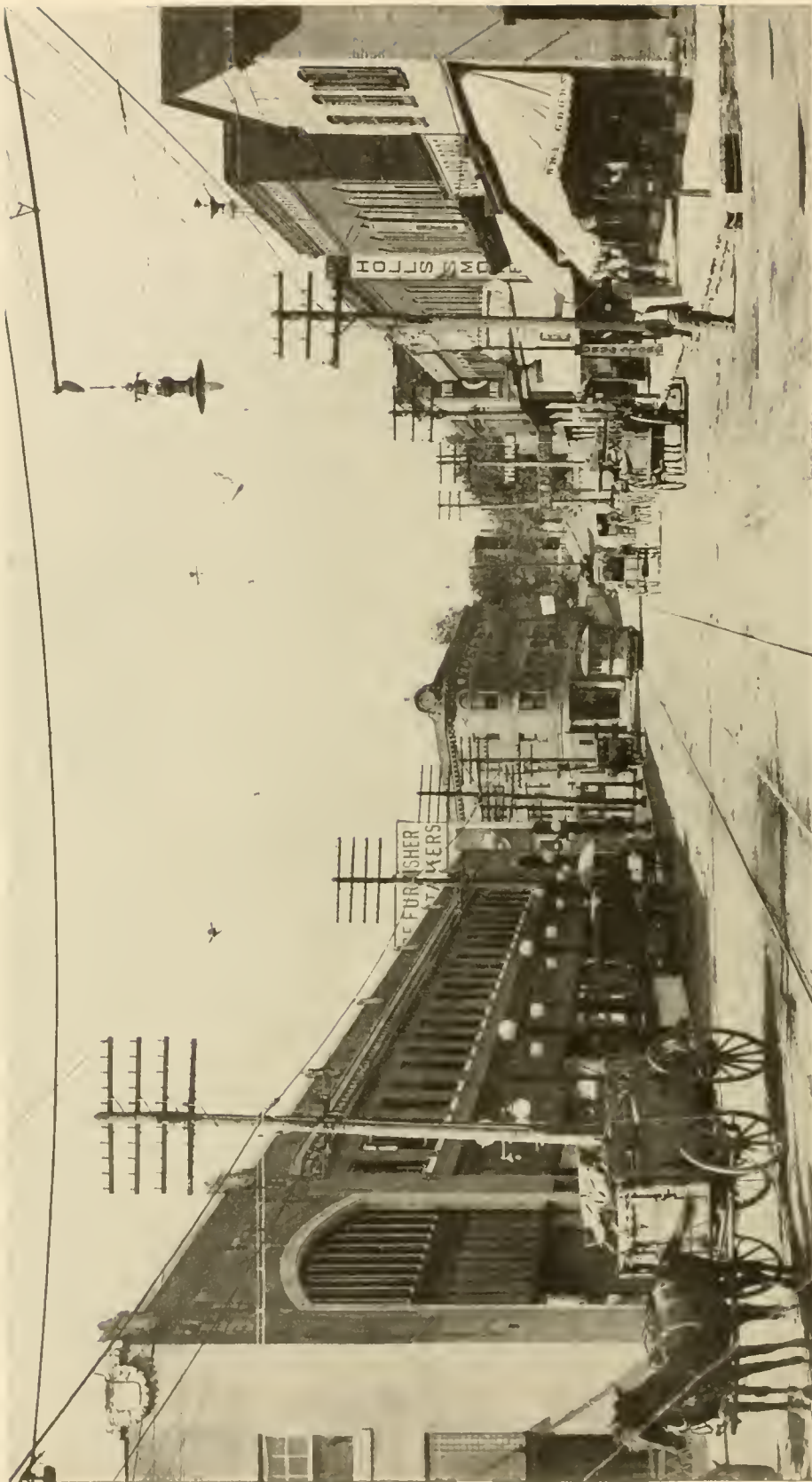
CAPITAL, \$100,000.00.

SURPLUS FUND, \$200,000.00.

President, E. P. WADE.

Cashier, C. A. CALDWELL.

Assistant Cashier, H. H. HEWITT.



### EAST SECOND STREET, AT WEIGLER.

One of the Rapidly Developing Business Centers of Alton. In this Section and Nearby Are Located Some of the Large Commercial Enterprises,  
 The Alton Banking and Trust Co., C. J. Jacoly & Co., the Luer Brothers, the S. H. Wyss Drug Co., H. O. Tonsor,  
 Globe Dry Goods Co., Alton Laundry Co., H. L. Winter Mfg. Co., M. H. Boals  
 Planing Mill Co., and Many Other Progressive Firms.





SKY LINE OF A SECTION OF THE ILLINOIS GLASS COMPANY.

One of the Striking Features of an Entrance to Alton is the Works of This Great Company, Where They Employ Something Like 4,000 Workers in the Various Departments.

## Section Four.

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### Alton's Manufacturing Industries--An Abundance of Suitable Sites.

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By George H. Mosser,

Secretary and Manager of the Alton Board of Trade.



JOHN M. KRUM.

First Mayor of the City of Alton.  
1836-37.

The Alton manufacturing district, which includes Alton proper, East Alton, Wood River and Federal, is the fifth in the state in value of finished products. Its annual output ranges from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000, and it has several huge plants which vie in number of employees and value of products with any like manufactories in the country. The cheapest coal in the Mississippi Valley, the lowest freight rates, the advantage of transportation by twelve railways and three rivers, abundant raw materials, and proximity to the greatest markets are the main features which have made Alton a leading industrial center.

The Illinois Glass Company, with 4,000 employees, is the largest hollow-ware glass manufactory in the world. This institution, more than any other, has put Alton on the industrial map. Its terminal facilities give it an advantage over any other glass industry in the world. This plant is modern in every respect and is a pioneer in the development of the blown bottle trade. Next in importance is the Wood River Refinery of the Standard Oil Company, at the southern end of the Alton district. Less than three years old, this refinery has been developed into one of the Standard's biggest institutions. It selected the Alton district after investigating all other eligible points in the Middle West because of its superior manufacturing facilities. It refines oil, makes fuel oil and by-products. The Federal Lead Company at Federal, just west of the Standard Oil Company, is the most modern and biggest producing plant of the Guggenheim system. In less than three years, due to modern machinery and the very latest methods of smelting, it has grown until it now makes one-seventh of the entire lead output of the United States. Alton's two mills, the Stanard-Tilton Milling Company and Sparks Milling Company, have raised Alton to the fifth place among cities of the United States in the production of



#### A HALF MILE OF THE PRESENT ALTON WATER FRONT.

From This Point for More than Ten Miles There are Desirable Locations—Desirable for Manufacturing Purposes, to Supplement the Federal Lead Works, the Straw Board Factory, the Hapgood Plow Works, the Illinois Glass Works, the Western Cartridge Company, the Equitable Powder Manufacturing Company, and the Wood River Refinery of the Standard Oil Company.

flour. In 1911 the Stanard-Tilton Milling Company manufactured 534,390 and the Sparks Milling Company 403,881 barrels of flour, a total of 938,271 barrels. One of these mills produces more flour than any mill in St. Louis, and our other mill is only exceeded by one similar plant in St. Louis. The Alton Brick Company, which has been developed from a small industry, has only one rival in Illinois—Galesburg. It is electrically operated and its equipment is of the modern type. It has a daily output of 185,000 paving bricks. The Western Cartridge Company and the Equitable Powder Manufacturing Company, both operated by the same interests, are two of the very largest industries of their kind in the West. Their business has grown so rapidly that they have been compelled to enlarge the cartridge section of their joint plants. Their products are endorsed by the United States War Department. The Alton Box Board & Paper Company, one of our youngest industries, already has grown to be one of the largest plants of its kind in the country. It has been in operation a little over three years. Beall Brothers, with plants in Alton proper and East Alton, are one of the largest makers of mining tools in the West. The Hapgood Plow Company is another industry which has helped make Alton a big manufacturing center and has a heavy annual production of agricultural implements. Other plants which afford large employment to labor are the following: Illinois Box Company; Illinois Corrugated Paper Company; Duncan Foundry & Machine Works; Mississippi Sand Company; Bluff City Brewery; Reck's Brewery; Stone-ware Pipe Company; Alton Steam Cooperage Company; Dan Miller Buggy Company; H. L. Winters Planing Mill Company; M. H. Boals Planing Mill Company; Ginter-Wardein Company; C. F. Sparks Machine Company; Geo. D. Hayden Machine Company; Melling & Gaskins Printing Company; Faulstich & Lampert; Alton Gas & Electric Company. Very important industries are the limestone quarries, including the Reliance Quarry Company, Queen City Quarry Company, John Armstrong Lime & Quarry Company, Alton Lime & Cement Company, Lockyer Quarry Company, Gissal Quarry Company and the Radcliff & Robertson Quarry Company. These plants employ from 15 to 30 men each and twice as many in rush times.

Alton proper covers about six square miles since the annexation of Upper Alton, and there is a large territory unoccupied, which will be filled in the next decade. There is no other city in the American Bottoms which gives such a range in choice for manufacturing sites, with unlimited supply of water, natural drainage and transportation facilities.



NEW POWER HOUSE OF THE ILLINOIS GLASS CO., ALTON, ILLINOIS.  
The Large Stack Carries the Gases From Four 300-Horse-Power Boilers.



Interior View of the Boiler Room of the Power House. Under the Four 300-Horse-Power Boilers Are Operated Four Chain Grate Stokers Manufactured by the ILLINOIS STOKER CO., of Alton, Illinois.





L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.

# SECTION OF THE PLANT OF THE HAPGOOD PLOW CO., ALTON, ILLINOIS.

H. L. BLACK, President.

Manufacturers of Riding and Walking Plows and Cultivators and a Full Line of Agricultural Implements.  
Employs a Force of 150 in the Various Departments.



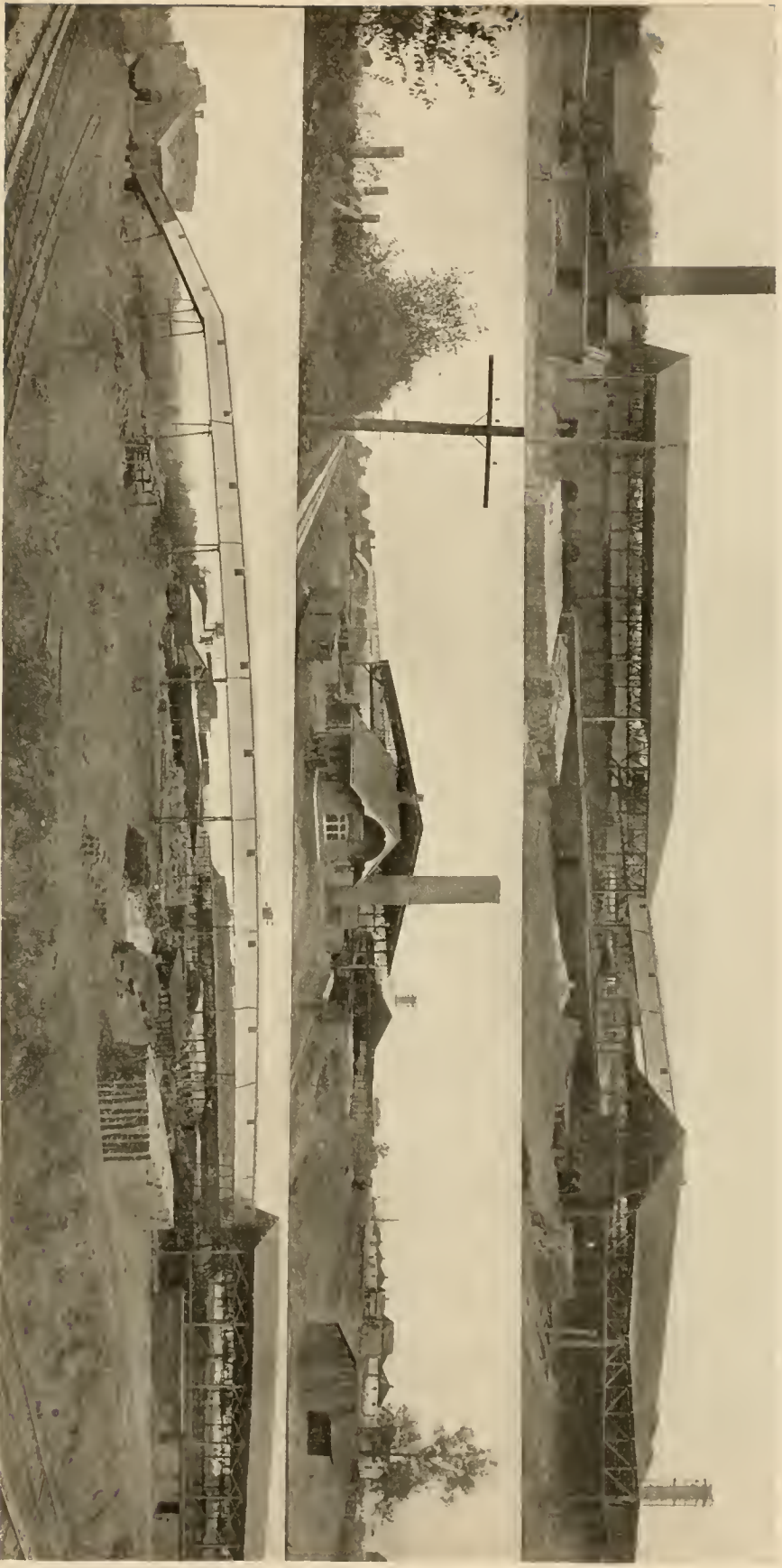
# PARTIAL VIEW OF THE PLANT OF THE GINTER-WARDEIN COMPANY.

Front and Langdon Streets.

VINCENT WARDEIN, President and Manager.

R. P. HARRIS, Vice-President.

Mrs. E. G. HARRIS, Secretary.



# THE ALTON BRICK COMPANY.

EDWARD RODGERS, President.

E.B. RODGERS, Secretary and Treasurer.

Capacity, 185,000 Per Day.

Scene 1—View from the East Side.

Scene 2—View from the South, Showing the Office in the Center.

Scene 3—View from the West.





The Flat Work Department.



THE LAUNDRY OF JOHN STORK.

2517 College Avenue, Alton.  
The General Offices.





**THE ALTON BAKING AND CATERING COMPANY.**

Northeast Corner Front and George Streets.

**P. H. PAUL,** President.

**D. M. KITTINGER,** Vice-President.

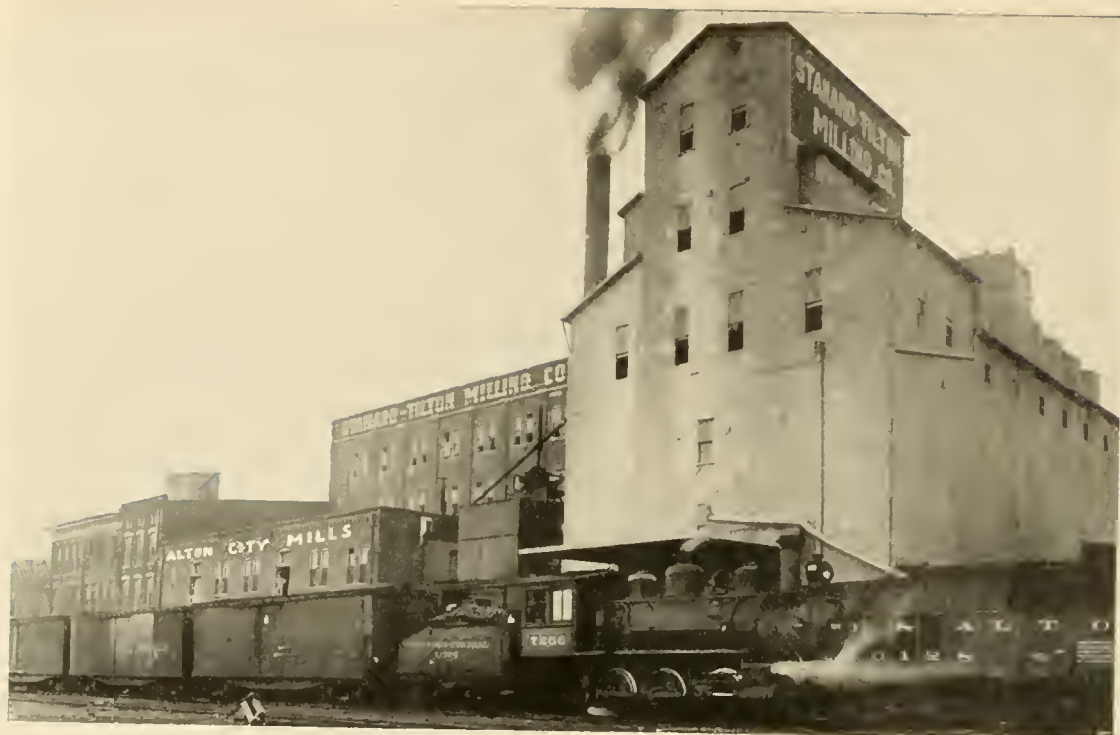
**F. NITSCHÉ,** Secretary and Treasurer.

**F. THEEN,** General Manager.

Manufacturers, Wholesalers and Retailers of Fine Bakery Products, Ice Cream and Confections. Manufacturing and Shipping to All Points Within a Radius of One Hundred Miles. Annual Production Over 2,500,000 Loaves of Bread.

Both Telephones No. 58.

Employs 30 People.



L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS

# RIVER FRONT OF PLANT OF THE STANARD-TILTON MILLING COMPANY, ALTON, ILLINOIS.

Mills: St. Louis, Mo.; Alton, Ill.; Dallas, Texas. Capacity 5,000 Bbls. Daily.

Elevators: Alton, Ill.; Jerseyville, Ill.; Rockbridge, Ill.; Dallas, Texas. Capacity 1,000,000 Bushels.

E. O. Stanard, President; W. K. Stanard, Vice-President; E. D. Tilton, Secretary; J. T. Corbett, Supt. Alton Mills.

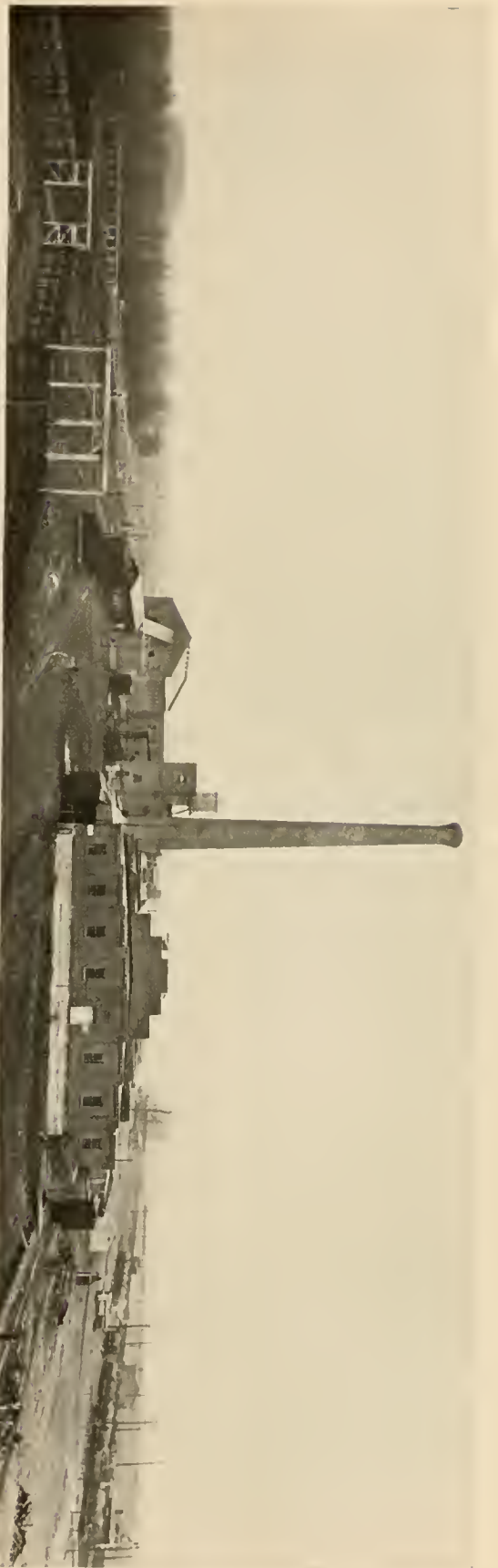
Brands: Reliable, American Beauty, Royal Patent.



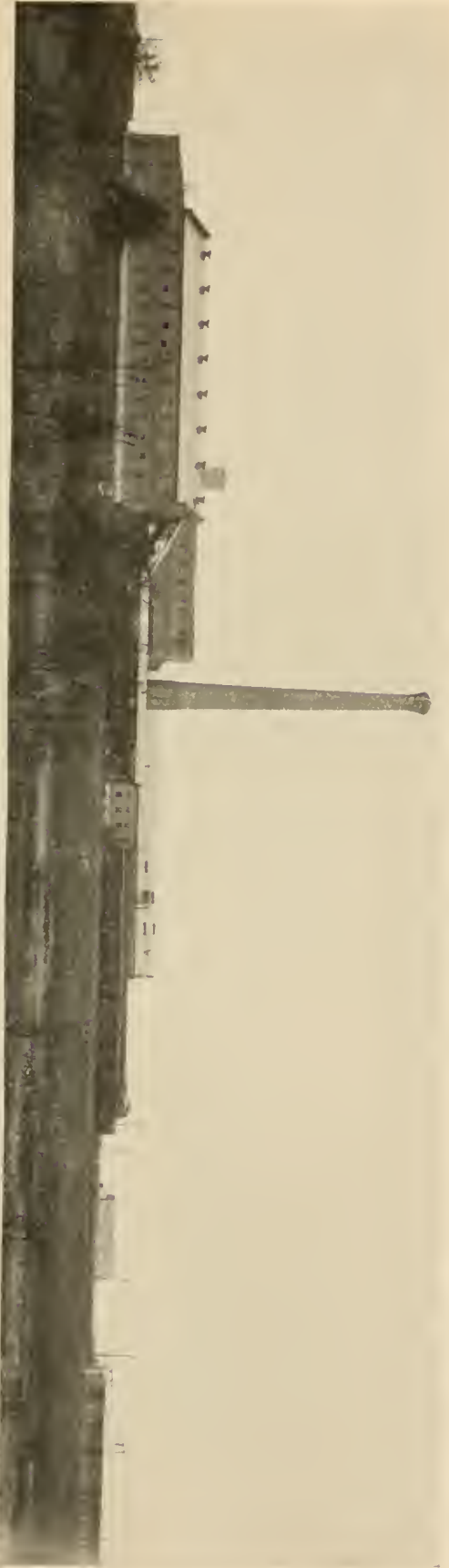
# SECTIONAL VIEW OF PLANT OF SPARKS MILLING COMPANY, ALTON, ILLINOIS.

Manufacturers of Flour.

H. B. Sparks, President    F. R. Milnor, Vice-Pres.    W. L. Sparks, Vice-Pres.    C. F. Sparks, Treas.    G. S. Milnor, Secy.  
Established 1855. Capacity 3,000 Barrels Daily.



SECTION OF THE PLANT LOOKING EAST.



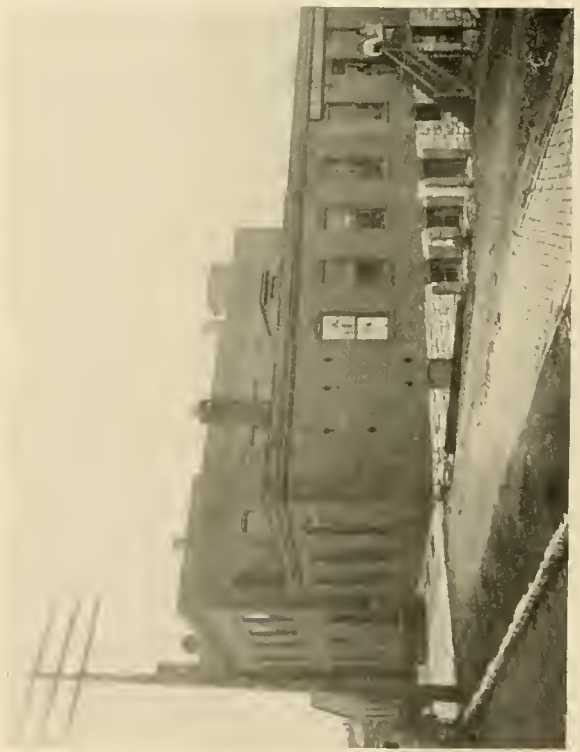
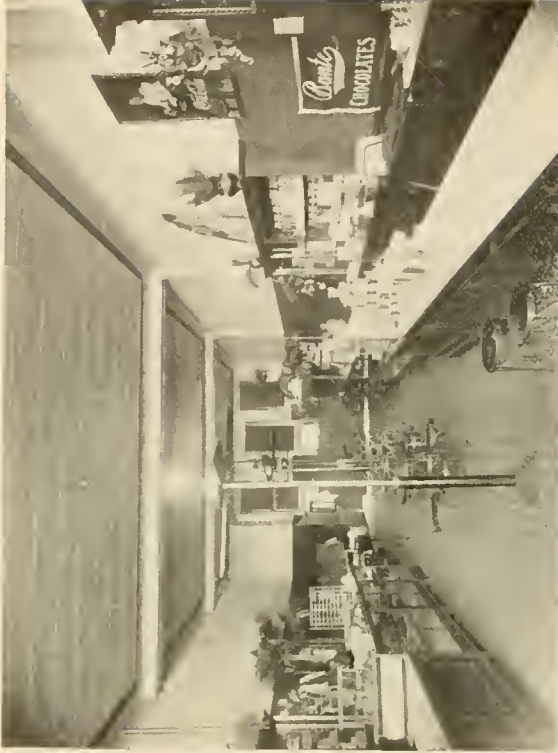
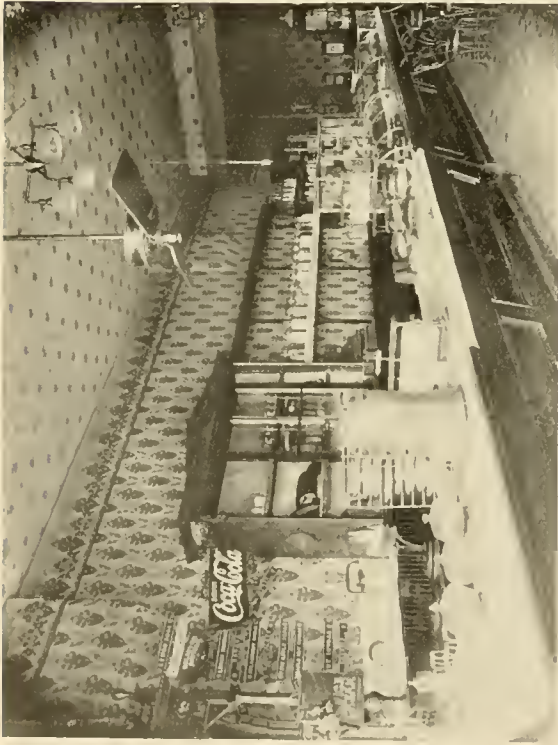
# SECTIONAL VIEW OF PLANTS OF THE ALTON BOX BOARD AND PAPER COMPANY

Located at Federal on the Illinois Terminal Railroad and Interurban Trolleys.

CRAWFORD FAIRBANKS, President, THOMAS BAUER, Vice-Pres., B. F. FAULEY, Sec'y-Treas., F. D. WILSON, Gen'l Manager, LEE L. WILSON, Resident Manager, G. R. STEWART, Cashier,  
Terre Haute, Ind. Lafayette, Ind. Terre Haute, Ind. Chicago. Alton, Ill.

The Plants Cover 37 Acres. Use 75 Tons of Coal Per Day; Employs 225 in its Various Departments, and is Modern in every Particular, with All the Latest Appliances, Including Smoke Consumers and Preventives, and the Tallest Chimney in the Valley. All Grades of Box Board Are Manufactured with a Production of 75 Tons Per Day, Shipped to All Parts of the United States and Canada. It is Equipped with the Largest Box Board Machine in the World, Making an Endless Sheet 11 Feet Wide. Consumption of Raw Materials, 50 Tons Straw and Waste Paper—the Straw a Product Principally of the Farms Throughout the Nearby Country, Utilizing What Was Formerly Considered Absolutely Useless.



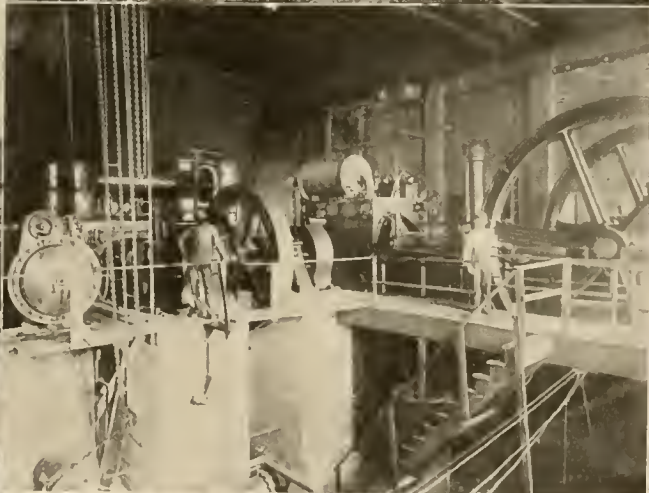


THE GEO. NOLL STEAM BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY COMPANY.

MAIN FACTORY AND BRANCHES.  
ALTON, ILLINOIS.

No. 1, Top—Branch Store, 508 East Second Street.  
No. 2—Factory, Third and Langdon Streets.

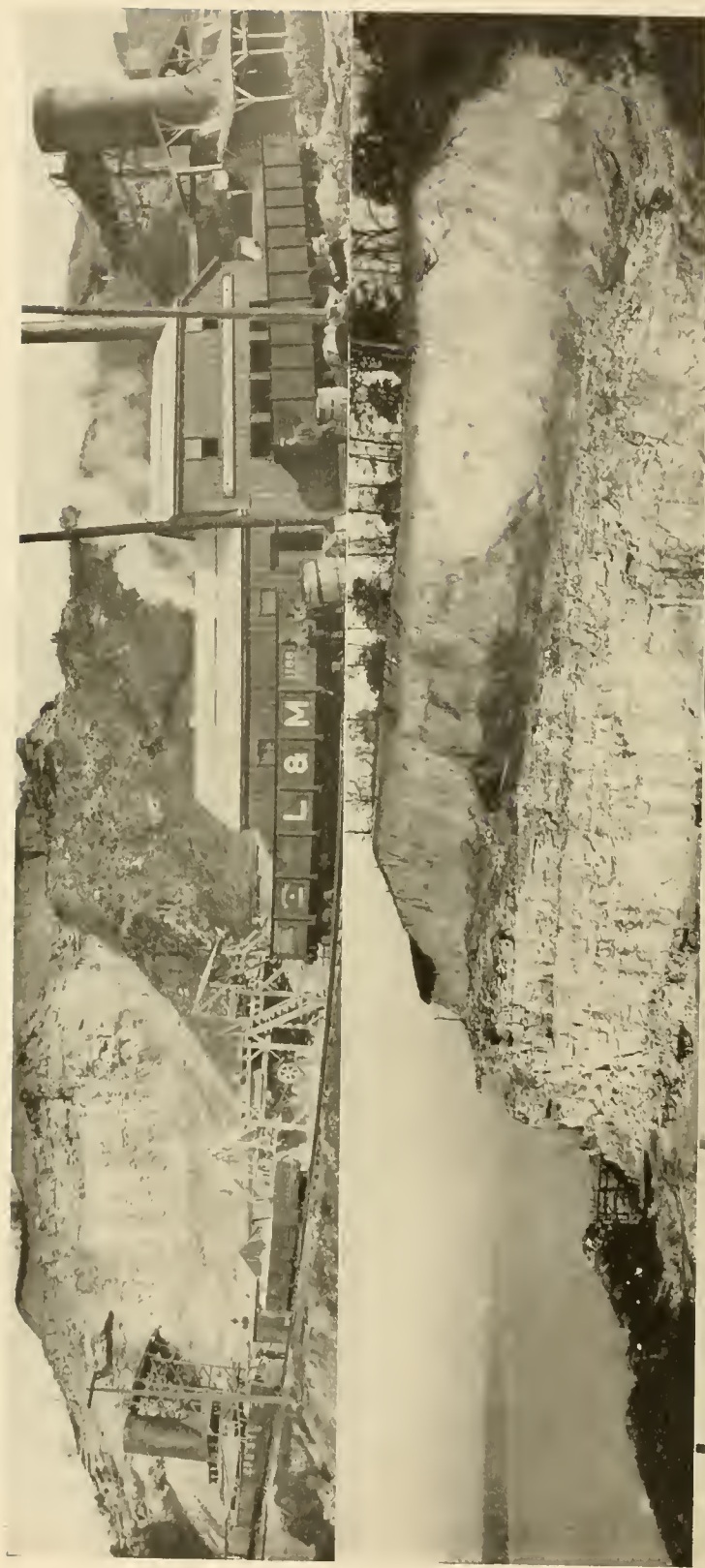
No. 3, Top—Branch, 205 West Third Street.  
No. 4—The Bake Room.



### ALTON WATER COMPANY.

- No. 1—Stand Pipe on State Street Hill, 350 Feet Above the River Bed in Height; Capacity 350,000 Gallons.  
 No. 2—Interior of Filter Building. Showing Where the Water is Treated With the Proper Coagulants, Settled and Filtered.  
 No. 3—Outside View of Plant Along the Mississippi River.  
 No. 4—Partial View of the Engine Room. The Capacity of this High Service Machinery is 10,000,000 Gallons Every Twenty-Four Hours. Ordinary Use at Present, 3,000,000 Gallons.





**THE JOHN ARMSTRONG LIME AND QUARRY COMPANY.**

Foot of Grand Avenue, on C. P. & St. Louis R. R. tracks.

- No. 1—The Lower Quarry, with Gas Kiln and Boiler Room.    No. 2—Upper Quarry, with a View of the Mississippi.    No. 3—Grinding Mill and Lime Kilns.





PLANT OF ILLINOIS CORRUGATED PAPER COMPANY, ALTON, ILLINOIS.

Manufacturers of Strawboard Products of Every Kind. Containers for Shipping Purposes a Specialty.

L. PREIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.



L. PFEIFFERBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.

RESIDENCE OF SENATOR EDMOND BEALL,  
EX-MAYOR OF ALTON,  
1905-1911.

One of the Leading Homes in a City of Elegant Residences, and One of the Finest and Best Built Houses in This Section.





### THE BLUFFS ABOVE ALTON ARE SIMPLY GRAND.

The Scenery of the Mississippi is as Varied as the Course of the River Itself, Unsurpassed in Beauty and Magnificence. A Through Trip From New Orleans to St. Paul is One of Comprehensive, Animated Pleasure, and the Local Runs Sources of Ceaseless Enjoyment.

# Section Five.

## Alton as a Commercial Center.

By George H. Mosser,

Secretary and Manager of the Alton Board of Trade.

Alton is the commercial center of Madison County, which gained forty per cent in population during the past ten years. Madison County is fifth in Illinois in population and wealth. The

Alton mercantile firms, more than two hundred in number, embrace all lines of trade. The stores carry large, well selected stocks, complete enough to suit the most fastidious demands.

Several of these houses do nearly one-quarter million dollars worth of business per year, and approximately \$20,000,000 is the annual record of business of our merchants. This volume of retail trade is all the more remarkable when it is considered that Alton is less than an hour's ride from St. Louis with its big department stores, and shows that Alton merchants carry large, varied stocks and handle goods in opposition to St. Louis competition along rational lines. Due to the "get-together" spirit,



H. B. BOWMAN,

A Former Leading Merchant of Alton,  
and Founder of  
The H. J. Bowman Company,  
West Third Street.



J. W. SCHWEPPE,

A Former Leading Merchant of Alton,  
and Founder of  
The H. M. Schweppe Company,  
West Third Street.





STORE OF THE VANPRETER MERCANTILE COMPANY,  
Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes,  
112-114 West Third Street, Alton, Ill.

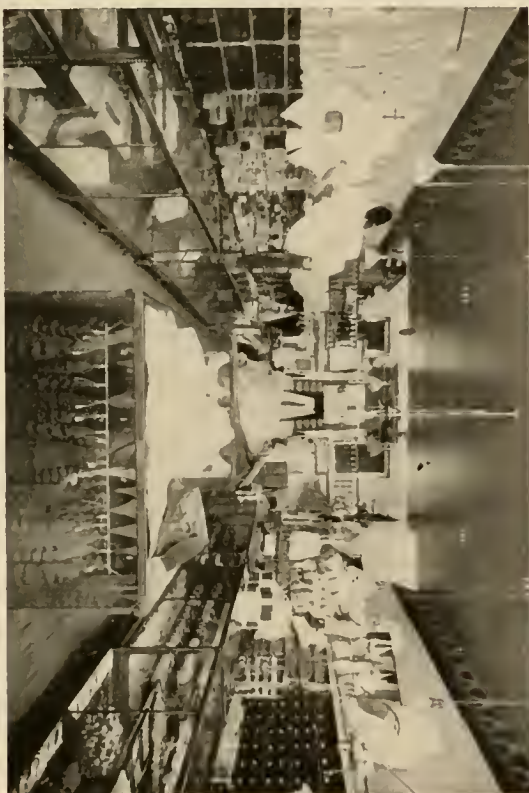
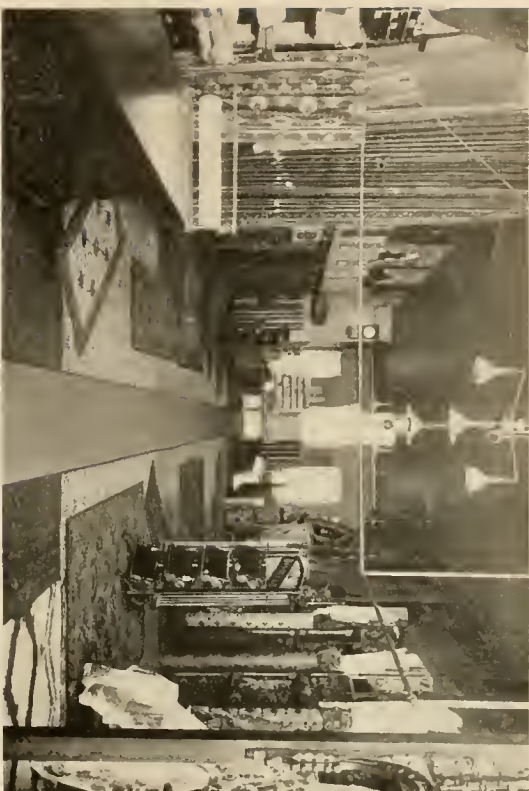
Alton merchants enjoyed the best holiday trade in 1911 of the past twenty-five years.

The commercial firms of Alton maintain an organization known as the Retail Merchants' Association, which has proven very efficient in promoting trade, and it also operates a credit system.



OFFICE OF THE EDMUND H. BLAIR AGENCY,  
Real Estate and Insurance,  
308 Belle Street, Alton, Illinois.

The volume of Alton's retail trade is heavily accentuated from the outlying agricultural districts, which radiate over a section covering more than 25,000 people outside of the city limits. This gives it in addition to its manufacturing resourcefulness a rich territory to draw from.



SECTIONAL VIEWS IN THE GATES-CLARK DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT STORE,

109-111 West Third Street, Alton, Illinois.

No. 1, Carpets.  
No. 2, Millinery.

W. C. GATES, President and Treasurer.

W. C. CLARK, Vice-President and Secretary.

No. 3, Ready-to-Wear Goods.  
No. 4, Dry Goods.





**COLLEGE AVENUE CONFECTIONERY,**  
Hovey Building, 2528 College Avenue, Upper Alton.  
Kinloch 895-R.



**HERB BROTHERS.**  
Dealers in Groceries, Meats, Hardware, Dry Goods, Gents' Furnishings, Flour and Feed.  
301 Washington Avenue, Alton. Both Telephones.

**THE VARIED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES OF ALTON.**



**LIVERY ESTABLISHMENT OF THOMAS MORFOOT.**  
Front and Easton Streets,  
Alton, Illinois.



**NEWMAN, QUALITY FLORIST,**  
603 East Second Street.  
Quality and Service Guaranteed.  
Kinloch 795-L.





J. J. WUELLNER & SON, CONTRACTORS.

# THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, WEST THIRD STREET, ALTON, ILL.

Proprietor: THE COMMERCIAL COMPANY OF ALTON.

OFFICERS: C. L. Goulding, President; J. W. Beall, Vice-President;  
L. A. Schlafly, Treasurer; W. H. Joesting, Secretary.

DIRECTORS: C. L. Goulding, J. W. Beall,  
L. A. Schlafly, J. F. McGinnis.



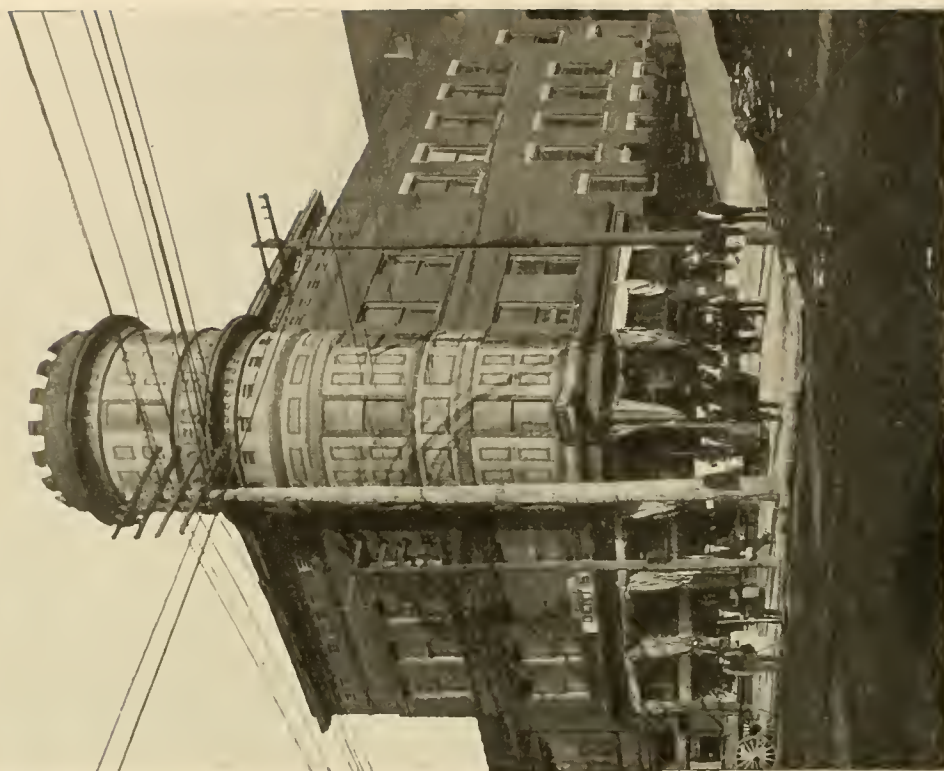
Former Occupant of the Lot Where the Present Fine, Modern Structure, Shown Above, Now Stands,  
Proving the Live Tendency of the New Alton.



HOME OF THE H. M. SCHWEPPE COMPANY,

Clothing, Hats, and Men's Furnishings,

117 West Third Street, Alton, Ill.



ESTABLISHMENT OF JOHN SNYDER & COMPANY,

Dealers in Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Dry Goods, Furnishing Goods,  
Hats, Caps, and General Merchandise.

Corner Third and Piase Streets, Alton, Ill.

Kinloch Phone 948 R.





View Showing First Floor of "Lehne's."



LEHNE'S DRY GOODS, LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR AND NOTIONS ESTABLISHMENT.

L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECT

107 West Third Street, Alton, Illinois.





ESTABLISHMENT OF C. J. JACOBY & COMPANY,  
House Furnishings, Pianos, Talking Machines, Carpets and Wall Paper. Funeral Directors.  
627-629 East Second Street, Alton, Illinois.



BLUFF CITY GARAGE.  
H. HORSTMAN, Proprietor.  
Automobile Supplies. Storing and Repairing a Specialty. Tires, Tire Tools, Blow-Out Patches, Inner Tubes, Reliners,  
Cements, Prest-O-Lite Tanks, Gasoline, Cylinder Oils, Transmission Grease, Carbide.  
Fourth and Plaza Streets, Alton, Illinois.



HENRY WARDEIN, CONTRACTOR

THE LUER BROTHERS BLOCK,  
Second, Ridge and Weigler Streets, Alton, Illinois.



WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEPARTMENTS  
PLANT OF LUER BROTHERS PACKING AND ICE COMPANY,

701-719 East Second Street, Alton, Illinois.





OFFICE OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COAL COMPANY.

Commercial Building, Both Phones.

Represents the Hillsboro, Livingston and Auburn Coal.



ALTON BROOM WORKS, G. J. MILLER, PROPRIETOR.

Manufacturer of Hand Made Brooms.

282 Jefferson Avenue.



YARDS AND OFFICE OF THE REITH LUMBER COMPANY.

Both Phones. Woodriver, Illinois.

Owners of Saw Mills in Arkansas, Tennessee and Alabama.



OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE OF THE WOODRIVER COAL COMPANY.

N. J. JORDAN, Proprietor.

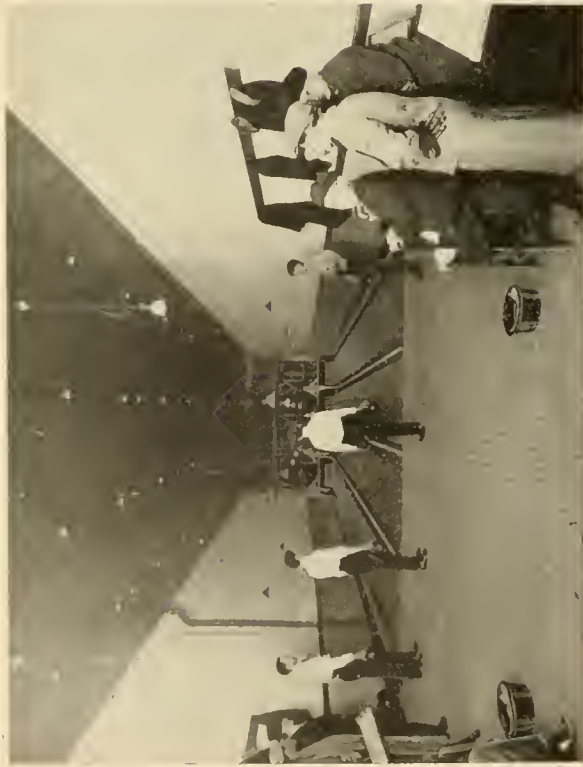
Best Coal Always on Hand. Both Phones.





HEADQUARTERS OF JOHN LOCK & COMPANY,

Embalmers and Funeral Directors.      Hearses, Carriages and Light Livery.  
310 State Street, Alton, Illinois.      Both Telephones 16.



### THE ELITE TEN PIN ALLEYS.

CHARLES STOKES, Proprietor.

107 West Second Street, Alton, Illinois.

MAUPIN, ARCHITECT

HERMAN SKIFF, Manager.



### ALTON'S LEADING BARBER SHOP.

W. A. RICE, Proprietor.

Alton, Illinois.

Also Barber to Western Military Academy.

Kinloch 86-R.



### BLUFF CITY ELECTRIC Co.

F. T. MACDONALD.

605 East Second St.

Both Phones.

The Place to Get Right Prices and Good Work.



### WESTERN SUPPLY AND COAL COMPANY.

F. W. MOXEY, Manager.

Office and Warehouse, Second and Spring Streets, Alton, Ill.

Building Materials:—Concrete Blocks, Lime, Cement, Plaster, Brick, Sewer Pipe, Drain Tile, Sand, Fire Brick, Etc., Etc.





ESTABLISHMENT OF THE H. K. JOHNSTON HARDWARE COMPANY,  
144 to 150 West Second Street, Alton, Illinois.



THE C. N. STREEPER UNDERTAKING ESTABLISHMENT,  
1628-1630 Washington Avenue, Alton, Illinois. Funeral Directors and Embalmers.  
First Class Livery. Private Carriages for Weddings and Parties.





**S. H. WYSS DRUG COMPANY.**

650-652 E. Second Street.

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.

Prescriptions Compounded by Registered Graduates in Pharmacy.

Telephone No. 46.



**Calendine's for Art Wall Papers, and Paints,**

436 East Second Street.



**INTERIOR VIEW CIGAR DEPARTMENT OF GEORGE A. SAUVAGE,**

217 Plaza Street.



**SECTIONAL VIEW OF PLANT OF RELIANCE QUARRY AND CONSTRUCTION CO.**  
Crushed and Building Stone. Capacity Six Hundred Tons per Day.  
Office and Quarries: Sixteenth and Easton Sts., on the C. & A. Railroad, Alton, Illinois.  
Both Phones.



**SECTIONAL VIEW OF PLANT OF QUEEN CITY QUARRY COMPANY.**  
Building Rock, Flaxing and Macadam.  
Office, Room 500 Cahokia Building, East St. Louis, Ill.  
Quarries at Alton, Ill. Both Phones.



**WILLIAM P. ADAMS TRANSFER COMPANY.**  
1501 Belle Street, Alton, Illinois.  
Moving, Packing, Storage and Shipping.  
Both Phones.

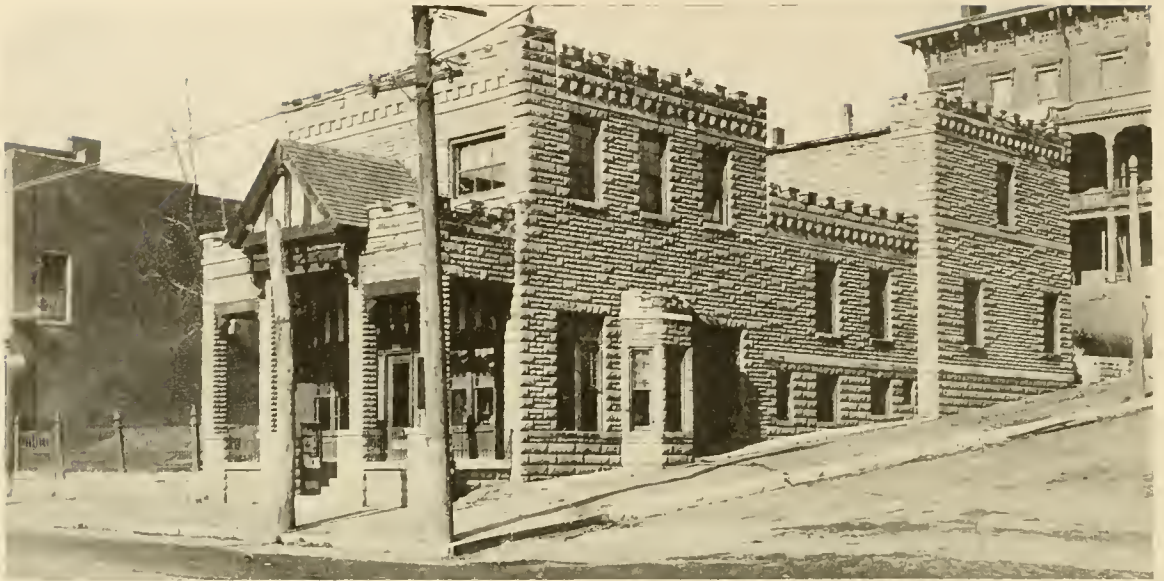


**THE ARCADE BAR. A. W. HOPPE, Prop.**  
Fine Wines, Liquors and Cigars.  
115 Market Street, Alton, Illinois.  
Kinloch Phone 911.



## Alton -- Illinois

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THE WISEMAN PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO,  
SECOND AND GEORGE STREETS,  
ALTON, ILLINOIS.



GIRLS' DEPARTMENT, "BEVERLY FARM"  
HOME AND SCHOOL FOR NERVOUS AND BACKWARD CHILDREN,  
GODFREY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.



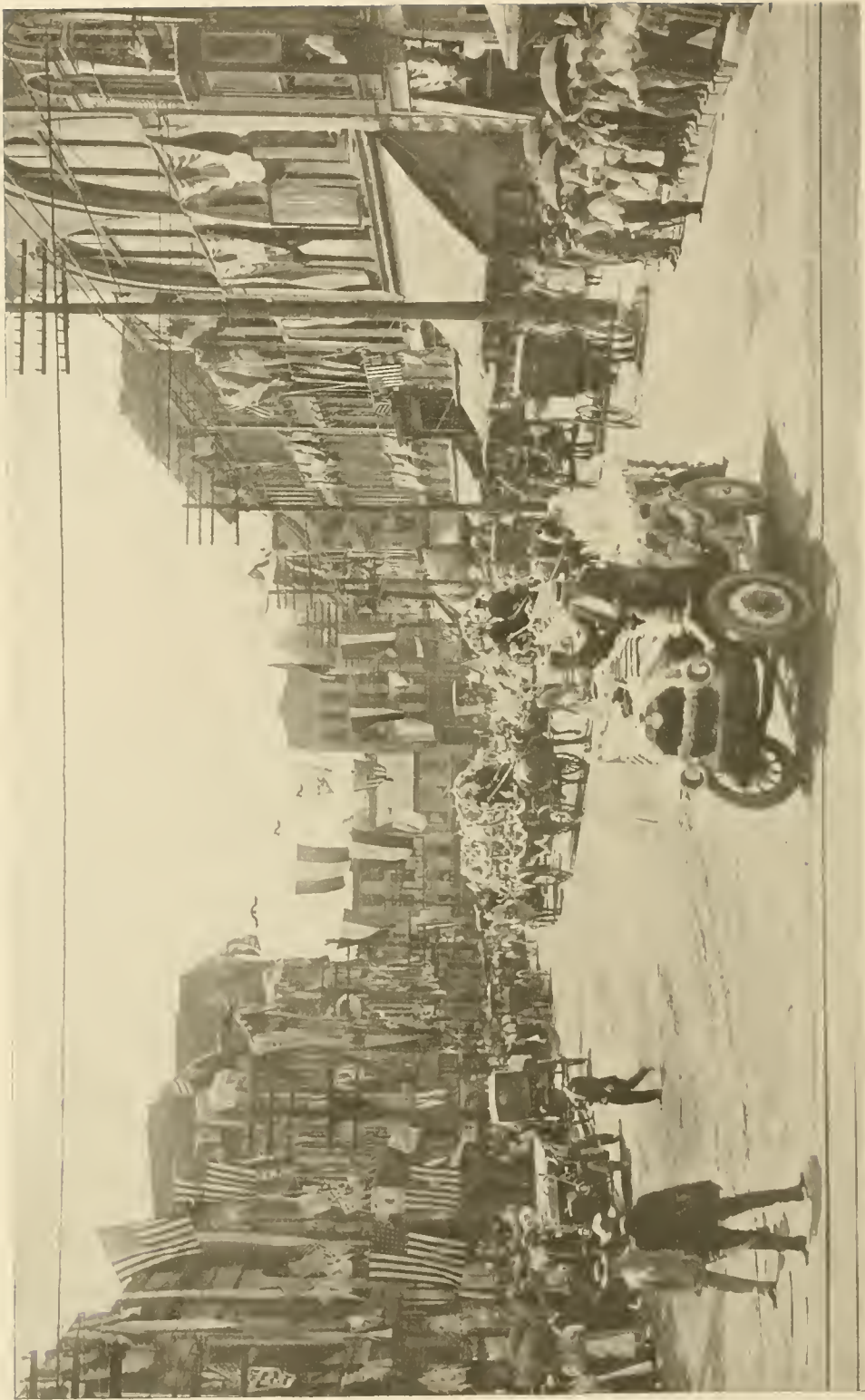


WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND SHIPPING DEPARTMENTS OF THE RUNZIE COMMISSION COMPANY.  
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Hay, Grain, Seeds and Flour, Produce and Mill Feed. 509-511-513 Belle Street, Alton, Illinois.



#### PRINCESS CONFECTIONERY.

J. Jianakoplos, Proprietor. Manufacturers of High Grade Candies and Ice Cream. Deliveries made in All Parts of the City. 24 West Second Street, Alton, Illinois.



### A GALA DAY IN ALTON.

Showing Under the Most Picturesque and Pleasing Aspects Its Main Retail  
Business Street—West Third—in Holiday Apparel.





THE ALTON HIGH SCHOOL, WITH THE GARFIELD BEYOND.  
Sixth and Mechanic Streets.

## Section Six.

### Alton's Educational Advantages--Public Schools and Colleges.



J. W. SCHOEFFLER,  
President Alton Board of Education.

From the days of the early pioneers, Alton has been a seat of learning, not only for the classes but the masses. In 1821 the first free school, authorized by act of the State Legislature of Illinois under the public school act, was built in Alton.

Fostered by such a spirit among its people, its present schools rank among the best in the country. A \$75,000 High School, which contains a large library and laboratories, is articulated with the North Central Association of Colleges. Graduates of the Alton High School are admitted to these institutions without examinations. The fourteen public school buildings, housing 3,754 pupils, are modern in structure and equipment, and the staff of 112 teachers is under the direction of a superintendent who has served continuously for 33 years. Manual training is a part of the High School curriculum, as well as a commercial department. Modern languages also are taught. Music and drawing are part of the course of study in the grade schools, which also have separate





WINTER VIEW OF A SECTION OF THE FRONT CAMPUS AND MAIN BUILDINGS OF SHURTLEFF COLLEGE,  
East College Avenue, Between Annex and South Seminary Streets, Alton, Illinois.

libraries. The kindergarten school, in a building of its own, is of high efficiency. The public school buildings represent an aggregate value of more than \$500,000.

Each of the three Catholic parishes has a fine parochial school, teaching all the work up to the eighth grade. SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral has a complete high school.

Alton is the home of Shurtleff College, the Western Military Academy, the Monticello Seminary, two Ursuline Convents, and Brown's Business College.

Shurtleff College is the oldest collegiate educational institution in the Middle West and is now in its 85th year. Among its graduates are Governors, United States Senators and men who have won fame in the business and professional world. It is a Baptist co-educational institution with high standards of scholarship.

The Western Military Academy, founded in 1879, is placed in Class A by the United States War Department. Its buildings, ground and equipment are the very best. It has



THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY, SHURTLEFF COLLEGE,  
Alton, Illinois.

a capacity of 180 students, and a waiting list annually, insuring a class of students from the very best families. This Academy is conducted with three distinct objects prominently in view: To provide a training broad enough to prepare cadets for any American Scientific School, College or University; to secure for each cadet a generous and well balanced development, whatever his ultimate course may be; to give to its graduates sufficient military instruction to prepare them to become officers of the militia in time of peace, and to organize and discipline volunteers in case of war.

Monticello Seminary was founded in 1841, and no seminary in the West has a more notable record of educational achievement. With noble buildings, beautiful grounds and a faculty of distinction, it ranks with Vassar, Smith and Bryn Mawr, as one of the most representative colleges for women in the United States.



### SOME ALTON SCHOOL HOUSES.

The Horace Mann, Edwards Street.  
The Lincoln, Alton Street.

The Washington, Curdie and Milnor Avenues.  
The Lowell, Joesting Avenue

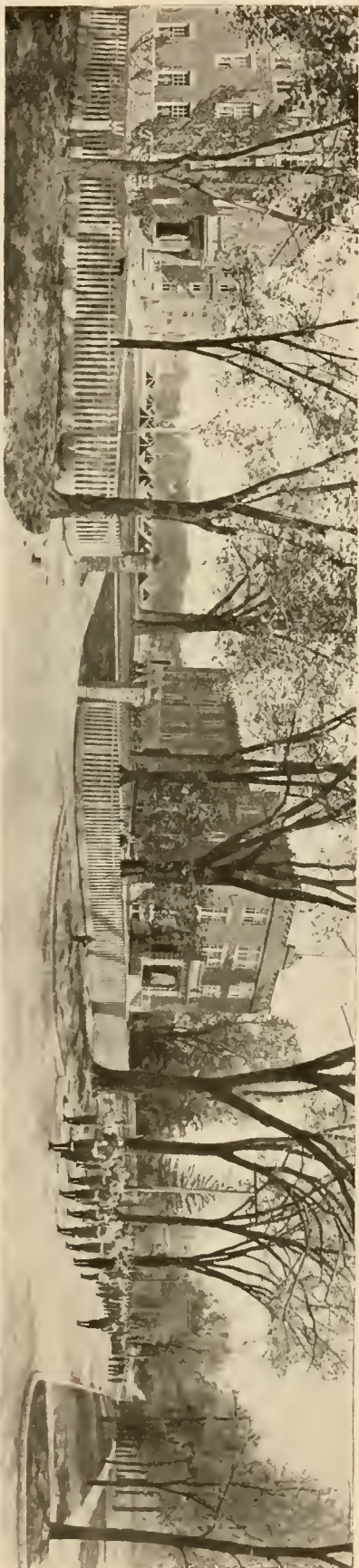




MONTICELLO SEMINARY,  
GODFREY, ILLINOIS.

Two Miles from Alton City Limits, on the Line of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, and  
on the Alton, Jacksonville & Peoria Trolley Line.



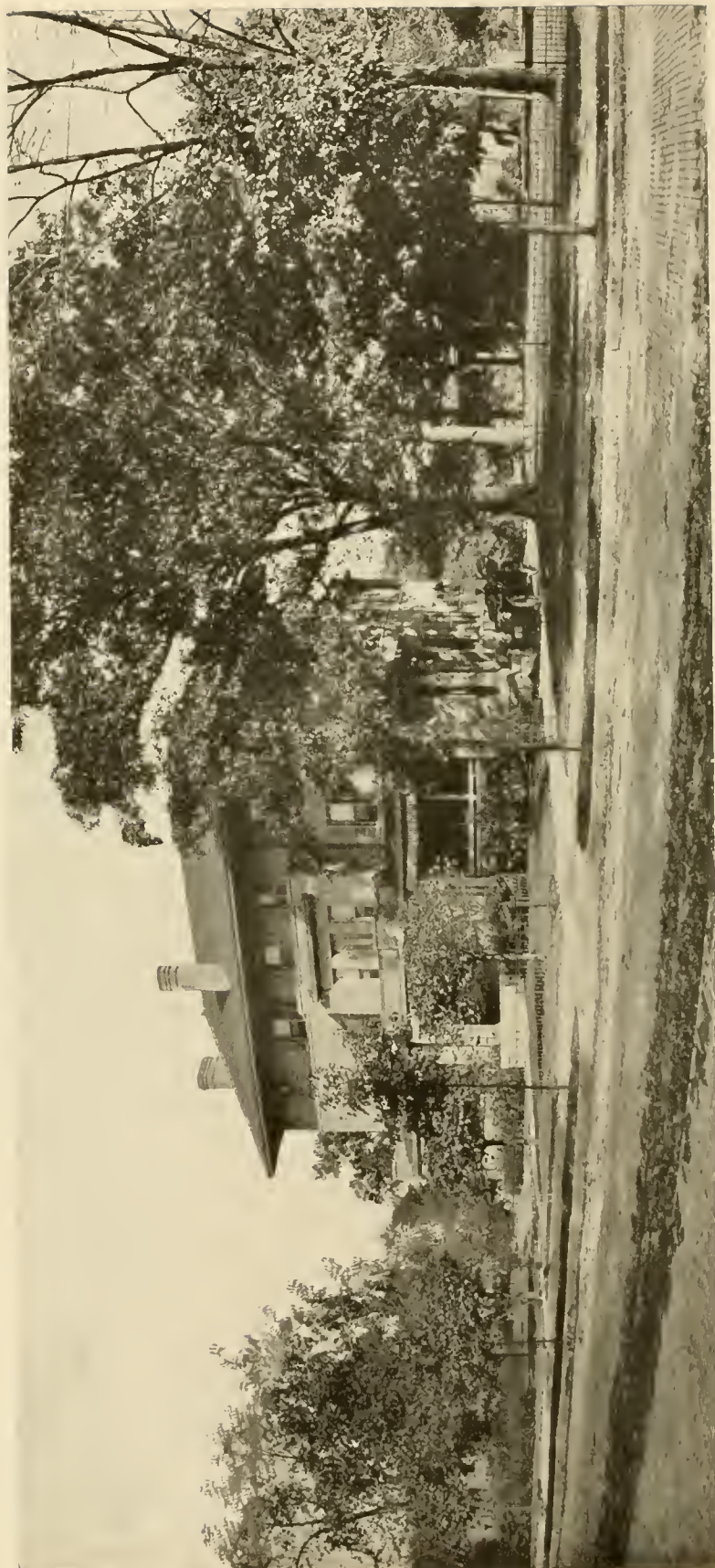


THE WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY, ALTON, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

The Administration Building, with Some of the Dormitories.

A Glimpse of the Camp Life of the Cadets.





RESIDENCE OF DR. WILLIAM A. HASKELL,

1211 HENRY STREET,

ALTON, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.



THE HAYNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY.  
State and Fourth Streets, Alton, Ill.

## Section Seven.

Newspapers - Libraries - Clubs - Hotels  
Amusements - Sports.



JOHN E. HAYNER,  
Founder  
The Hayner Memorial Library.

Alton has two excellent daily newspapers, the "Telegraph," which was founded in 1836 and which in January celebrated its diamond jubilee, and the "Times," in its third year of existence. Both are evening papers with large circulations, and the "Telegraph" publishes a weekly edition.

Alton has two weekly papers; the "Journal," a German and English paper, and the "Banner," a German paper.

The newspapers of the city are its warmest boosters and Alton owes them a debt of gratitude for their uniform loyalty and the active support they give it all the time.

There are four other printing establishments with up-to-date, modern equipment in the city capable of turning out first-class work.

The Hayner Memorial Library is absolutely free to all residents of the City of Alton. It makes no restrictions on account of either color or creed, and last year something like 44,000 books were taken out by the 5,000 card-holders.



JOHN A. COUSLEY,  
President and Treasurer  
Alton Evening Telegraph Company.





Henry Wardein, Contractor.

L. Pfeifferberger & Son, Architects.

HOME OF THE B. P. O. ELKS, ALTON LODGE No. 746,  
East Second Street, Corner Easton.



L. Pfeifferberger & Son, Architects.

CLUB HOUSE OF THE ALTON COUNTRY CLUB,  
On the Godfrey Road and A. J. & P. Trolley Line.



H. H. Unterbrink & Co., Contractors.

James M. Maupin, Architect.

NEW HOME OF ALTON AERIE, No. 254, F. O. E.  
East Second Street.

Alton is the center of a piscatorial and hunting paradise. The Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois rivers, with the easily accessible lakes and inlets which they form, offer unrivaled sport for anglers almost the year around.

Some twenty-five varieties of fish are found in the waters adjacent to Alton. The fish range from the small, but game, bass to the giant channel cat, which is frequently caught at a weight of one hundred and thirty-five pounds and more.

Alton practically is the headquarters of the pearl-fishing indus-



TURNER HALL,

Ridge and Third Streets.

Headquarters of a Number of Leading German Associations—Musical and Social.

try which has grown to a commanding size in the past ten years. Here the pearl fishers organize their fleets to make their expeditions up the Illinois and Missouri rivers as well as their tributary streams, and here they return with their harvests of precious gems when the season closes.

Hunters by the thousands range the country surrounding Alton during the open season. There are dozens of hunting lodges along the Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois rivers. The predominating game includes geese, ducks, quail, snipe, rabbits and squirrels.

## SOME ALTON CLUB HOUSES.

Alton is achieving a wide reputation as a convention city. During the past year it has entertained a number of prominent gatherings. Among the most notable were the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association and the State Liquor Dealers' Association.

Its success as a convention city is due to its splendid hotel facilities, which cannot be excelled by any



cost of \$175,000. In addition to other modern features, the hotel contains a large auditorium with stage adapted for banquets, conventions and public gatherings of all kinds. The Madison, recently remodeled, has a capacity for one hundred guests and for years has been the entertainment

W. M. SAUVAGE,  
Manager  
Temple and Lyric  
Theatres,  
Alton, Illinois.



THE ILLINI HOTEL, ALTON, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

One of the Most Distinguished Inns of the Mississippi Valley.

other city in Illinois outside of Chicago. Among the twelve hotels, which include the Illini, Madison, Lincoln, Depot, Alton, Eastern, Lafayette, Buck's, Laclede, Glynn, Savoy, and Myrtle, are several which are thoroughly modern. This is particularly true of those of late construction. The Illini, but three years old, has a capacity of two hundred and fifty guests and represents a

E. E. CAMPBELL,  
President  
Alton Daily Times  
Company,  
Alton, Illinois.

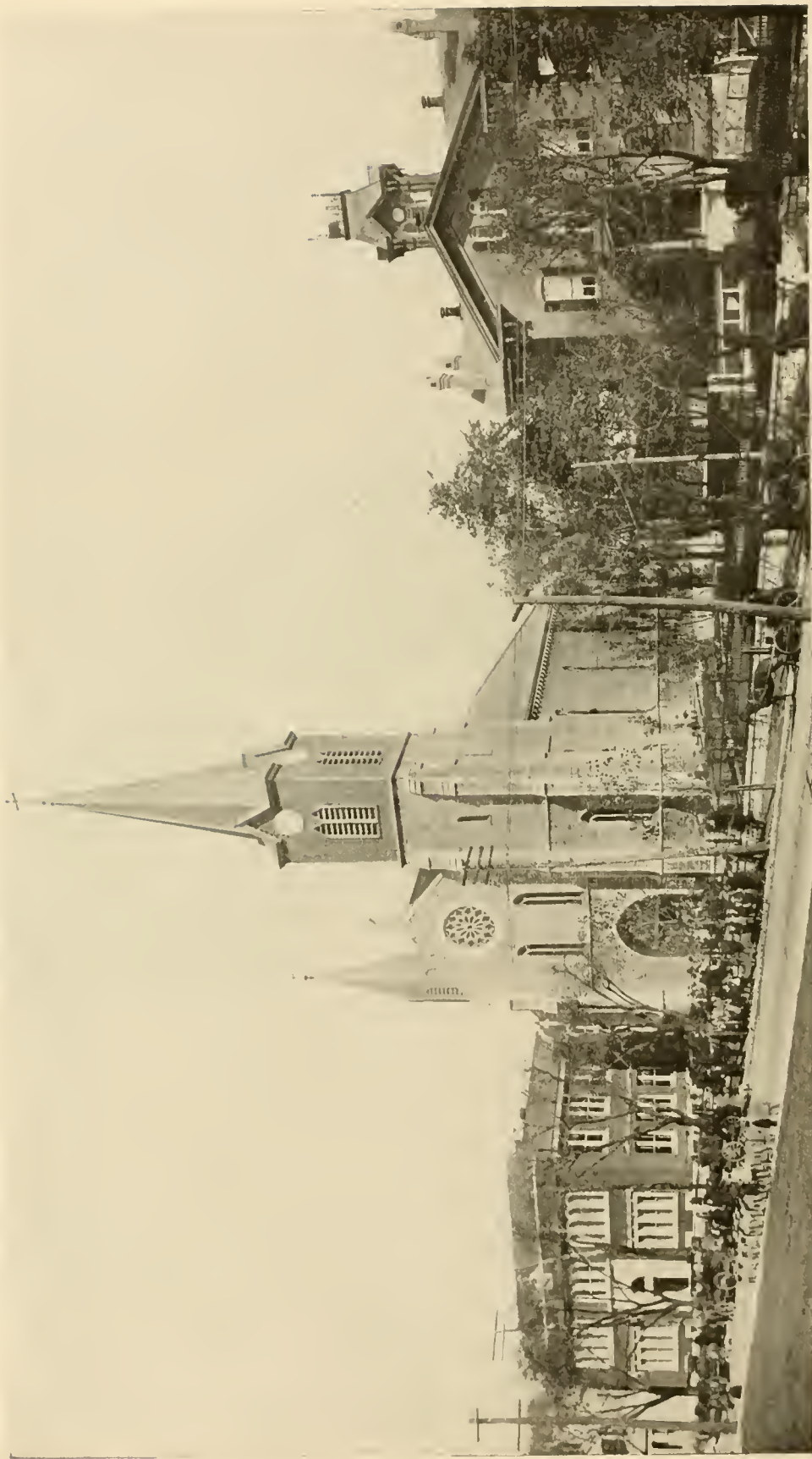


place of notables who visited Alton.

The Lincoln House bears that name because President Lincoln made it his headquarters during his famous debate with Douglas in 1858. Its exterior appearance is the same now as then.

With expanding hotel facilities, its modern club houses, and the tasty Temple Theatre generously conducted, life in Alton in moments of relaxation and pleasure finds cosmopolitan avenues for gratification right at home.





CATHEDRAL OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

STATE STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

With the Residence of Rt. Rev. James Ryan, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Alton, on the Right. And the Parochial School of the SS. Peter and Paul's Parish on the Left.





WILLIAM ASH, JR., BRICK CONTRACTOR

A NOTABLE INSTITUTION—HOME OF THE ALTON Y. M. C. A.  
Corner Third and Market Streets.

## Section Eight.

### Some Phases of the Religious and Charitable Life of Alton.



REV. LEVI A. ABBOTT, D.D.,  
Treasurer Ministerial  
Educational Society.

Professor Shurtleff College.

And Dean of the Eloquent Preachers  
of the Baptist Denomination in  
the Alton District in 1912.

pulpits are supplied with high class men of the cloth, the attendance good, skilled choirs are maintained and most excellent Sunday schools.

Alton has a modern Y. M. C. A. building valued at more than \$50,000 which stands on one of the most commanding sites in the very heart of the business district. It is equipped with every facility and is a decided feature in the moral uplift.

Alton's religious influences have made it a city of law and order. There are few, if any, cities in the United States of almost double Alton's population that can boast of so many costly edifices. Truly it may be styled the "City of Churches" as it has twenty-one structures of worship of varied denominations. Some of the edifices, notably the Cathedral, which is the seat of the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Alton Diocese, are most noble. The church property is valued at fully \$1,000,000 and there are approximately ten thousand church members in Alton.

All denominations are represented by houses of worship, but the Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians predominate. The



REV. DR. J. A. SCARRITT,  
Entered the Ministry in 1851 as a  
Preacher in the Methodist  
Church.

Now, in 1912, the Respected and  
Popular Retired Leader of  
that Denomination in  
the Alton District.

[A Boy Ten Years of Age at the  
Time of Elijah Lovejoy's Death.]



### SOME POPULAR PROTESTANT CHURCHES.

First Methodist Episcopal, Sixth, Corner Market Street.

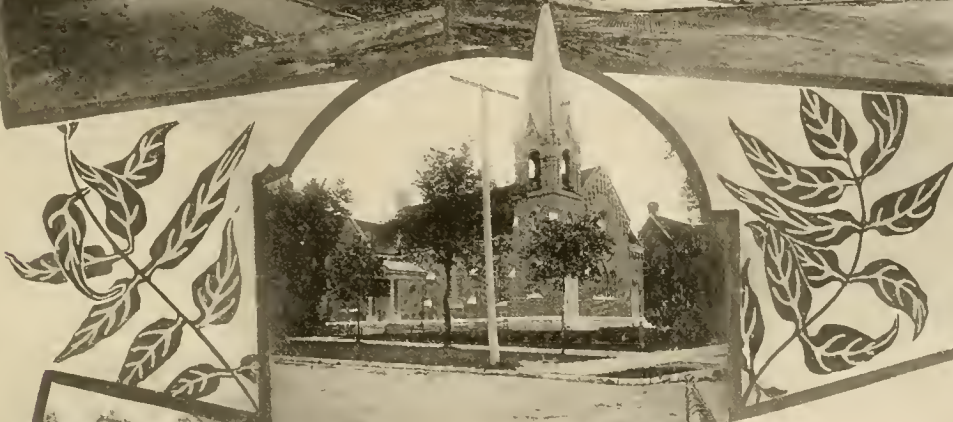
First Unitarian, East Third Street.

Washington Street Methodist, Washington Avenue.

First Presbyterian, Alby, Corner Fourth Street.

St. Paul's Episcopal, Third, Corner Market Street.





### SOME POPULAR PROTESTANT CHURCHES.

German Lutheran, Central Avenue.

German Methodist, Seventh and Henry.

German Evangelical, Eighth and Henry.

First Baptist, College Avenue, Corner Seminary.

First Congregational, Sixth and Henry.

H. H. UNTERBRINK & CO., BUILDERS OF ADDITION TO GERMAN EVANGELICAL.



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Naturally, with its settlers coming from New England, New York, Ohio and Virginia, the religious element was a strong feature in the development of the City of Alton. The strongest exponents of the popular faith have been the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists and Episcopalians in the earlier days, with the Catholics taking a conspicuous place as the population was increased from the sections of the country and the outside world where that faith was predominant. The first church built in the city was erected at the corner of



RT. REV. JAMES RYAN, D.D.,  
Bishop of the  
Diocese of Alton.

Third and Market streets, the site of the present St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It was a stone building forty-five by sixty feet, and it was through the liberality of Captain Benjamin Godfrey (the distin-



REV. JOSEPH MECKEL,  
Pastor  
St. Mary's Church.

guished merchant through whose further munificence Monticello Seminary was established) that the Presbyterians and Baptists were both enabled to use it for a time.

The first organization of the Presbyterians was effected in 1821, but the active and continuous work of the representatives of that denomination was begun in 1831 by the Rev. Thomas Lippincott and eight supporters. Today it is one of the vigorous, propelling forces in the religious life of the community, represented by three fine edifices in the various sections of the city.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH,  
Henry, Corner of Fourth Street.

A First Baptist Church was organized in 1833 with a membership of nineteen persons, and at this meeting the Rev. John M. Peck, the founder of Shurtleff College, was present. The first services were held in Lyceum Hall, and afterwards for awhile in the stone church erected by Captain Benjamin Godfrey. In 1834 they built their first church, selling it to the Methodists in 1836, then erecting a second which was destroyed by fire in 1860. This was succeeded by a third, which was taken down to make way for the present model edifice at Fifth and Market streets. The Baptist Church on College Avenue, which is known as the First Church of Upper Alton, was established by the Rev. John M. Peck with eight members. The Rev. Mr. Peck was one of the "fighting Christians" of his day who did an herculean personal work for the furtherance of the principles he made the rule of his life. His efforts for Shurtleff College alone would



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH,  
Central Avenue, Corner Fourth Street.



HENRY WARDEIN, CONTRACTOR

THE NAZARETH HOME,  
2120 Central Avenue.

entitle him to a very generous meed of praise from every Altonian. The denomination has now five fine churches in the city.

The circuit riders and preachers of the Methodist faith were very evident in the pioneer life of this great State of Illinois years before it became a State. They were actively engaged in preaching the gospel on Sundays, tilling the soil on week days, defending the frontier, promoting the civili-



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URSULINE ACADEMY. ESTABLISHED 1859.  
East Fourth Street.

zation of that day, and doing grand work for humanity at all times. Peter Cartwright and the preachers of like character left an impress on this whole region, and the world looks better seen through the eyes they helped enlighten. The First Methodist Church in Alton was the outcome of class meetings held under the leadership of William Mil-

ler, and a society was organized in 1831. Five years later they purchased the church on the corner of Third and Alby streets from the Baptists, and in 1844 erected a stone edifice on the corner of Fourth and Belle streets. The elegant church the society now occupies on Sixth and Market streets, was built in 1904. The denomination today has eight churches and missions in the city, all doing good work for the advancement of the cause of morality, religion and good government.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church dates back to the year 1836, and represents in the community the elements of that cavalier spirit of Virginia, which, com-



URSULINE NOVITIATE OF THE SACRED HEART,  
420 Danforth Street.



mingling with the Puritan, has helped make Alton a noted city. In 1850 the present church building was erected on a commanding and convenient spot right in the heart of the city, at the corner of Third and Market streets.

In the year 1840 there were only fourteen Catholic families in Alton and its neighborhood. Services were held in Upper Alton in a small frame building used as a mission station under the ministrations of

Father George Hamilton, who had previously been stationed at Springfield. The first church was erected in '43 on the site now occupied by the Unitarian Church on Third street. In '53 this edifice was destroyed by fire. For three years following this disaster services were held in a hall, and in '56 the fine Sts. Peter and Paul's Cathedral was so far completed as to allow of its use. In '57 the City of Alton was raised to the dignity of an Episcopal See and the Rev. Dr. Juncker was consecrated its first bishop. At that time there was no Catholic church between Alton and

Carlinville. Today Alton alone has the three fine churches represented in our illustrations, with the convents, schools and great charities incident to the necessities of the many thousands of people now living in and about this modern city.

The Congregationalists, Unitarians, the German Evangelicals, and the Lutherans have commodious and convenient places of worship, and the Christian Scientists, too, are represented in the city.



J. L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS

ALTON WOMAN'S HOME,

2224 State Street.



J. L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL,

Central Avenue, Corner Fourth Street.



### THE LOVEJOY MONUMENT,

City Cemetery, Alton, Illinois.

Alton's reputation as a Leader in Humanitarian Movements is almost world-wide. When the question of slavery became the exalted theme of the day, many of her sons, with unbounded courage and strong convictions on that subject, ranged themselves unequivocally on the side of free thought, free men, and a free country. Elijah P. Lovejoy, one of the uncompromising advocates of the doctrines of Lundy, Garrison and Phillips, was an extremist, but right, and this chaste and notable monument is but a slight expression of the respect and admiration the strong men of today have for a courageous Altonian of a former time who proved true to his convictions in his day.





ALTON IN 1836. THE STATE PENITENTIARY TO THE LEFT.

## Section Nine.

A Bit of the Romance and Reality of a Picturesque City.

By James Allan Reid.



Pen Sketch of

ELIJAH P. LOVEJOY,

First Martyr in America to the Principles  
of Free Speech, Nov. 7, 1837.

river and a boundless country, the elegant homes spreading over the many picturesque hills which give it a unique charm, upon close acquaintanceship established it in continuous favor in the inner sources of an imaginative but practical fancy.

Seen even through the biased eyes of a son of New England, accustomed to the sparkling waters of Narragansett Bay and the mighty rolling Atlantic, Alton on the Mississippi seems to have been predestined to favorable comment. Its delightful location—the magnificent bluffs overlooking a wonderful



CONFEDERATE MONUMENT, 1912.

Rozier Street, Alton, Illinois.

Shaft Erected by the Government of the United States,  
Gateway by the Alton Chapter Daughters of  
the Confederacy.



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LYMAN TRUMBULL,

Staunch Friend of Lincoln's Administrations,  
Governor of Illinois, and U. S. Senator.



OWEN LOVEJOY,

Brother of the Martyr, and a National Character as Member of Congress in the 50's and 60's.



SAMUEL A. BUCKMASTER,

A Leading Citizen of Alton in His Day.  
Mayor in 1853-4 and 1862-3.  
One of the "Little Giant's" Close Friends.

Delving into the romantic pages of Alton's past, I find that Jean Baptiste Cardinal, a Frenchman, is reputed to have been the first white man to locate on the site now covered by a portion of the City of Alton. This was in the year 1783. There is also a tradition that there was a trading post for traffic with the Indians maintained here by the French up to 1807.

The well-authenticated story of the foundation of the City of Alton credits it to Colonel Rufus Easton, a New England Yankee who was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, May 4th, 1774. He was educated in the East and studied law in the "Nutmeg" State, then practiced in Western New York a couple of years, after which he "came West," in 1804, and made his home in St. Louis. In 1808, when the first post office was established in that city, he was appointed postmaster, was afterwards Delegate in Congress for the Missouri Territory, and on the organization of the State government was appointed Attorney-General. He died in St. Charles, Missouri, in 1834. His career proves that he was a man of distinguished ability, with generous ambitions and genuine American instincts. In 1817, having acquired an extensive tract of land on this side of the Mississippi, he decided to found a town based upon his firm and intelligent belief in its possibilities from its commanding position on one big river—the Mississippi—and its nearness to the confluence of two others—the Missouri and the Illinois—and the also very weighty fact that it was on the popular line of travel from the East to the Far West, with an immense prospective inland trade all over the Northwestern and Southwestern sections of the rising young nation. The new town he named in honor of his son Alton, who in his time won some distinction for himself in the Mexican War as the commander of a regiment famous as the "Saint Louis Legion."

One of the first things Colonel Rufus Easton did in promoting the growth of the new town was to establish a ferry across the Mississippi River, at the mouth of the Little Piasa, to draw the traveling public directly through Alton—in competition with a ferry already established up the river ("Smeltzer's"). In local annals this Alton crossing became famous as "The Fountain Ferry," and in 1820, under the direction of Eneas Pembroke, it was advertised that not only had "the roads leading to it been put in good repair," but that "he had an excellent outfit of boats and hands," and that he also "kept a tavern at the ferry for the accommodation of travelers," showing that in the first three years of Colonel Easton's ownership success was attending certain departments in the new town's development.



JOHN N. DRUMMOND,

Of the Drummond Tobacco Co.  
For Nearly Fifty Years a Leader  
in Alton's Commercial and  
Social Activities.

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At this date "the wild grape vines grew luxuriantly, while in the forest, east of the Little Piasa, the underbrush was so dense that the river could scarcely be seen ten rods away."

The new settlement did not grow very rapidly, as in 1829 the municipality consisted of only a few log cabins, one frame house, and the ferry house; but in 1831 the tide of immigration began to flow in quite strongly, a number of mercantile houses were established, and some important businesses were set on foot. In this year '31 a number of men who have left their impress on the fortunes of the city, through their own distinguished characteristics, or through those of their descendants, settled in Alton. These sturdy pioneers came from New England, New York, Ohio, and Virginia, principally, representing the best brains, energy, enterprise, daring and culture of these various sections of the Union. This fortunate mingling of these splendid elements has been supplemented with liberal contributions of thrifty and patriotic Germans, Scotchmen, Irishmen, and Frenchmen, imbuing the present generation of Altonians with some of the best blood of the world, and making a combination of intellect and brawn which furnishes a solid foundation for the "Greater Alton" of the future.

This impetus gave a start to the city and rise to many ambitious projects. Between the years 1832 and 1837 there were five years of positive growth, and a development which bade fair to place Alton among the coming cities of the country.

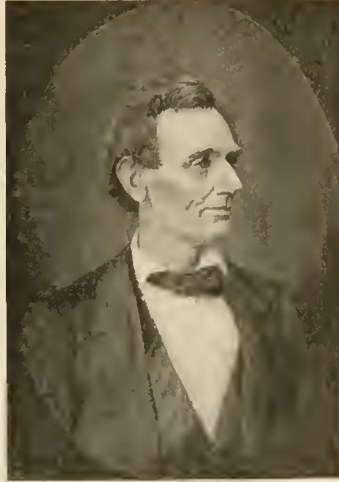
The first manufactories in the city were a sawmill established by Mr. Mentony, and a cooperage operated by William

Miller. The first newspaper was started on its career in January, 1832, by Edward Breath and Orlean M. Adams—the Alton Spectator—and in 1834 it was the official organ of about one thousand inhabitants, the number of people then credited to "Lower Alton." The first banking institutions were established in 1836—a branch of the Shawneetown Bank and a branch of the State Bank of Illinois.

The "romance and reality" of life on the Mississippi has endless forms of expression and never loses its pungent aroma. In 1833 the first steamer to make regular trips between Alton and St. Louis as a packet boat commenced its career, and carried the United States mail. From that time to this the Mississippi steamer has been a center of unabated interest. The rivalry for the river business has at times exceeded imagination, and in 1849 particularly, when the fare was ordinarily \$1.00, fiery competition reduced it to 75, 50, 25 and 10c, and finally to absolutely nothing for passengers, with freight at next to nothing. St. Pauls, Altonas, City of Altons, Grey Eagles, Bald Eagles and Spread Eagles have furnished transportation and pleasure for the original Altonians and their descendants for generations, but a trip on this most magnificent of waters on the present Grey Eagle is just as entrancing today as it was in 1833.

In '53 the river transportation reached the marvelous figures of eighteen hundred and odd steamboats making landings at the Alton levees. Many of these steamers were palaces of the New Orleans lines, and the very figures alone

give a significant idea of the gaiety of the Mississippi in the good old days "befo' the wah!"



ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

Oct. 15, 1858, Lincoln met Stephen A. Douglas in Public Debate Under the Old Balconies on the City Hall, Alton, Adding Greatly to His National Reputation.



STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS,

"The Little Giant."

Was Lincoln's Opponent in a Series of Seven Debates. They Made Douglas Senator in '58 and Lincoln President in 1860.



**CAPTAIN SIMEON RYDER,**  
A Leading Citizen and Projector of the Vandalia  
and Chicago & Alton Railroads.



**WILLIAM H. MITCHELL,**  
Brother of John J.

He Shared with His Brother the Honors of a Successful Life in the West. Now Represented by His Son, John J., in Chicago, as President of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, a Leading Institution of that City.



**BENJAMIN GODFREY,**  
Successful Merchant of Alton.

Founder of the  
Monticello Seminary.

Whose Name Honors the Present Town of Godfrey; and a Partner in the Firm of Godfrey & Gilman, in Whose Warehouse Lovejoy's Printing Press was Stored on that Fateful Night in 1837.



**JOHN J. MITCHELL,**  
A Maine Boy Who Won Fame and Distinction in a Varied Career in Alton as Merchant, Miller and Railroad Financier.

The first flour mill, forerunner of one of the most famous of Alton's industries, was established in 1833, through the enterprise of William Manning, a Bostonian who came here in 1831. Associated with him was Mr. Stephen Griggs. They organized the Alton Manufacturing Company, with a capital of \$50,000. It had a varied experience—mostly of success—and during its thirty years existence was managed by a number of men who afterwards became distinguished in the promotion of more noteworthy projects, among them John J. and William H. Mitchell, large investors in the Chicago & Alton Railroad.



**JUDGE HENRY W. BILLINGS,**  
Mayor of Alton, 1852.  
And a Leading Lawyer of the Illinois State Bar  
Until His Death in 1869.

The tavern has always been the center of civic and social activities in a growing town, and Alton has at various times during its career had a number more or less famous in the current annals. The Alton, the Piasa, the Franklin, the Union, and the Virginia, expressed the choice nomenclature of the Fathers, and these are now followed by the Illini and the Madison hotels of the year 1912.

Alton was organized as a town in '33, as a city in 1837 under act of the Legislature, and John M. Krum became the first Mayor. At this date the aggregate population of Upper, Lower and Middle Alton was given as 4,000.

In 1837, the year of the great panic which followed an era of speculation and General Jackson's triumphs in the financial field, Alton was growing quite rapidly in population. It was estimated at 2,500 souls, and the dwelling places at 300. The number of



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REV. JOHN MASON PECK, D.D.,

Founder of  
Shurtleff College.

Born in Litchfield, Conn., Oct. 31, 1787.

wholesale houses was reckoned at 20, and the retail at 32. There were eight lawyers, seven physicians, eight clergymen, while four hotels and nine boarding houses catered to the traveling public and the homeless. Four newspapers, The Telegraph, The Spectator, The Observer, and The Temperance Herald, supplied the news of the day. There was located here the two banks, two public schools, a lodge of Masons, and one of Odd Fellows, and the center of interest focused in a Lyceum—a forum for the young men of the town for forensic cul-



DR. BENJAMIN SHURTLEFF,  
A Boston Physician.

Graduate of Brown University,  
In Whose Honor the College was Renamed  
in 1835.



### ROCK SPRINGS PARK

Is One of the Outing Places of Alton Which Has Recently Been Very Much Enlarged Through the Generosity of the Late William Eliot Smith, and Under the Direction of the Park Commission Will Become One of the Famous Parks of the Valley.

ture, and a forerunner of the famous literary incubators which brought into notoriety many of the great orators of the nineteenth century.

In this year that mechanics were in good demand the wage-scale makes quite evident: Bricklayers were paid \$2.50 to \$3, and stonemasons \$2 to \$2.50 per day. The high cost of living in certain particulars exceeded the extravagant prices of today—coal, 20c per bushel and wood \$3 per cord. The capitalists of the town were stockholders in eight steamboats; the dwelling houses rented for



PROFESSOR DAVID G. RAY,

Senior Regent and Registrar  
Shurtleff College.

from \$200 to \$600, and stores from \$400 to \$1,500. Land five miles out from town was selling at from \$10 to \$40 per acre.

The productions of the country adjoining were wheat, corn, beef, pork, horses and cattle, the meats and vegetables excellent, and cultivated fruit very abundant, with wild fruit and plums, crab-apples, persimmons, pawpaws, hickory nuts, and pecans in profusion. Wild game about was plenty: deer, pheasants, prairie hens, partridges, and all kinds of water fowl. The rivers were rich in fish—cat, perch, buffalo, and

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the more than twenty-five varieties which to this day make these great rivers an almost inexhaustible resource for piscatorial food.

The first railroad to bring Alton into the transportation arena was completed in 1852, the Chicago & Mississippi—afterwards absorbed by the C. & A.—making a Springfield connection at that time. St. Louis passengers were transferred to boats till '61. Then by means of the Terre Haute & Alton, to East St. Louis until 1864, in which year the Chicago & Alton was completed to make the through trip.

The question of slavery, the most exciting, ferocious, and intensely interesting matter that ever distressed the American people, made Alton a focus of public notice early in the city's history. Its close proximity to a slave-holding State made it peculiarly susceptible to the arguments of humanity in the shape of the runaways, and its business interests and connections tended to cover these humane susceptibilities with that impervious coating of dollars and cents which can be made to "cover a multitude of sins."

The "Underground Railroad" was established many years before the C. & A. ever saw daylight, and Alton was one of the best-equipped and widely known stations on the line. Tradition has it that there were certain conductors on these local trains who never could comprehend that the law forbade their taking a certain color of passengers aboard, and they were constantly infringing the rules and regulations. Major C. W. Hunter, who made a section of Alton locally

famous for years, was said to have been perfectly obtuse and reckless in these respects.

He drove a team of his own and very frequently brought home with him from St. Louis or some other point, under a seat, an invisible darkey who was ticketed for Canada. George H. Weigler, whose name is now honored in a prominent street of today, and who was a well-known character, too, in his time (and notwithstanding the fact that he was at the same period one of the high sheriffs) was of the same proclivities as the Major, and guilty of like crimes. Isaac H. Kelley, still one of the vigorous and highly respected colored citizens of Alton, was another of the sub-conductors on the same "North Star" Route.

The fine monument in the City Cemetery dedicated to the memory of Elijah P. Lovejoy, who was shot to death on the night of November 7th, 1837, is an expression of the ideas of one side on the "irrepressible conflict," and the Confederate monument in North Alton another. Mr. Lovejoy came to Alton from St. Louis after a troublous career in that then pro-slavery city, to publish his paper here, with the thought that on this free soil he would be at liberty to express his ideas without let or hindrance. The result merely showed that he was ahead of the times, that the great majority of the people were not ready for the radical ideas which finally prevailed.

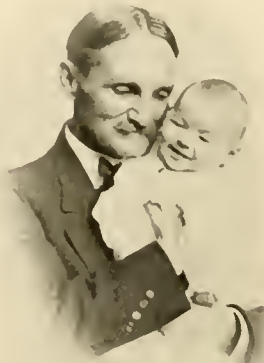
The famous Lincoln and Douglas debates conducted in Alton in 1858, bringing a Senatorship to one and a Presidency to the other orator. Lyman Trumbull, famous as Governor of Illinois



PHILIP W. COYLE,  
President Park Commission.



CHARLES A. CALDWELL,  
Park Commissioner



LEVI D. YAGER,  
Park Commissioner.

SOME MEMBERS OF THE  
ALTON PARK COMMISSION.



and a distinguished Senator of the Civil War period, was an Altonian. Owen Lovejoy lived in Alton at the time of the murder of his brother. Generals John M. Palmer and John Pope graduated at Shurtleff. Captain D. R. Sparks was a "49er" and a soldier of two wars, the Mexican and Civil.

John E. Hayner, a farmer's boy, made his money under Alton's favoring skies, and connected his name forever with its destinies by liberally endowing the Hayner Memorial Library. As a tribute to a dearly loved wife and a satisfactory response to his generous impulses, Alton has a fine free public library today.

William Eliot Smith, founder of the Illinois Glass Works, another of Alton's successful men, has placed his fellow citizens under lasting obligations by donating to the city more than 100 acres of delightful and available land to supplement that already embraced in Rock Springs Park. Under the direction of the Park Commission, conducted, as it is, by some of the best men of the City of Alton, this beautiful outing spot, the Riverside Park on the Bluffs, and the minor breathing places of the city will become resorts of healthy recreation and points of pardonable pride.

During the Civil War the city became a garrison town and a military post where were stationed volunteers, or regulars, en transit, or on guard. The Old Penitentiary became a prison and hospital for captured Confederates, and after the close of the conflict hundreds of the Southern boys were buried on Northern soil. They rest in peace under the gracious monument which expresses the genuine spirit of the North and South in these later days: the shaft a gift of the



CAPT. HENRY LEYHE,  
A Distinguished Commander of  
Mississippi River Steamers  
of the Present Day.



COL. ANDREW FULLER RODGERS,  
Private Co. E., 2d Illinois Volunteers,  
Mexican War, 1848.  
Colonel 8th Illinois Volunteers,  
Civil War, 1861.  
In 1912 One of Alton's Most Highly  
Esteemed Citizens.



CAPT. WILLIAM LEYHE,  
[Brother of Capt. Henry].  
And Also a Famous Steamboat Master  
of the Days of the Present.

general government and the entrance gateway the special donation of the Alton Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Upper Alton, now part of Alton, was originally settled by another Yankee, a Vermonter, Joseph Meacham. It has been constituted in its general makeup of characteristics and material very much like Alton itself, and it brings into the new partnership the same spirit of enterprise, earnestness, and sincerity which distinguishes the principal. The general aspects of this portion of the city today remind one strikingly of a New England town. There is the same wealth of foliage, generous lawns and gardens, and the quiet air of culture in the atmosphere which pervades the college towns of the East. A ride over the trolley from Upper to North Alton is an outdoor treat during the season from May to November.

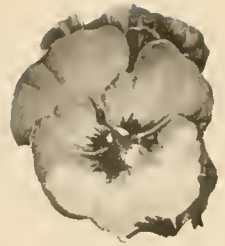
The Middletown line of the local trolleys, from Market and Second streets, takes an inquisitor through a charming residence portion of Alton, passes Rock Springs Park, and introduces him to this beautiful section of the city—Upper Alton. Then a trip from there over the State street line, taking in the full scope of the route, covering upper State street and the Bluffs, fills him with admiration for the whole city, and justifies Colonel Easton in his original choice of this spot for his city.

The modern City of Alton with its newly paved streets, the dazzling glints of the Mississippi from every convenient opening, and the magnificent bluffs where now is to be established the Riverside Park for extensive river views, will prove that after all the old Altonian was not altogether a dreamer. Here surely will be a notable city.





RESIDENCE OF ELLIS M. GADDIS,  
FOURTH AND ALTON STREETS,  
Alton, Illinois.



A MORNING SCENE IN ROCK SPRINGS PARK.

## Section Ten.

Alton's Educational Advantages for Women--Musical,  
Philanthropical and Literary Associations.

By Julia A. Buckmaster.



HARRIET N. HASKELL,  
Forty Years  
Principal of Monticello Seminary.

We point with civic pride to the educational advantages that are offered to girls in Alton and its environments. None more substantial can be found than the Monticello Seminary and Shurtleff College—fitting for the larger universities or merely the practical education enabling one to enter at once the battle of life—the public school system, an up-to-date High School, the Catholic convents and parish schools, graded as are the public schools. It is only necessary to choose.

MONTICELLO SEMINARY was established in 1835 through the beneficence of Captain Benjamin Godfrey, one of the successful Alton merchants of the period. He was born in Chatham, Mass., Dec. 4, 1794, and spent a good part of his early days on the ocean as boy, common seaman and commander. After a checkered career in Mexico as mine owner, and a successful one in New Orleans as a merchant, he came to Alton in 1832, and with W. F. Gilman established the firm of Godfrey & Gilman. Captain Godfrey was influenced to endow this institution by incidents observed in his travels abroad, where he had noticed the position and expanding influence of women in the world's affairs. It was formally opened in 1838, and at once assumed a commanding place as the foremost school for girls in the West. The first principal engaged was Theron Baldwin, a graduate of Yale, an

educator of extensive reputation. He was succeeded by Miss Philena Fobes, who filled the position until 1867, when Miss Harriet N. Haskell accepted the appointment, which she filled ably



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and successfully for forty years, until her death in May, 1907. Miss Martina C. Erickson, the present gifted principal, was appointed in June, 1910, and under her direction the school bids fair to maintain the exalted standard of Miss Haskell's administration. The Seminary's reputation is cosmopolitan, and some of the brightest women of the Union received their early training in its halls, among them Lucy Larcom and Virginia Townsend.

SHURTLEFF COLLEGE was the outcome of promptings, principally, of the heart and brain of the Rev. John M. Peck, one of those hardy, courageous pioneer preachers who came West early in the last century. He was an ardent Baptist who knew from personal experience the desirability of a collegiate training in equipping one for either a theological or other phase of professional life. To aid him in his cherished desire he "went up and down the country"—to the East a number of times on "horseback"—

—and succeeded finally in establishing the college, after a temporary existence in St. Louis, permanently in Upper Alton in 1836. It was named in honor of Dr. Benjamin L. Shurtleff, a wealthy Boston physician, who subscribed liberally towards its financing. The College is doing fine work, and has had among its students many who have in after life been distinguished, Gen. John Pope, a famous corps commander in the Union Army, among them. It is conducted on

the same general principles as Brown, Yale, and Harvard in the East, the theological being an elective, and not a necessity, in its curriculum.



MRS. HARRIET E. ROOT,  
President  
Alton Woman's Home.



AMERICAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE,  
Charlotte Nelson Chapter—Beacon Street.



MRS. H. M. SCHWEPPE,  
President  
Alton Humane Society.

THE ALTON WOMAN'S HOME is managed by a Board of twenty-five ladies, with Mrs. A. K. Root as President. It was organized in 1897, and during its fifteen years of usefulness Mrs. Root has been its only and continuous presiding officer. She has been efficiently aided in the rule of the Home by Mrs. Harvey Black and Mrs. J. M. Ryrie, who have also been associated with the Board since the first meeting. Its need was very apparent in the community, many cases occurring where there was necessity for just such an Old Ladies' Home.

Beginning in a small way, it has grown to generous proportions, and now has a fine modern building of its own on State street, under the charge of a capable matron. Mrs. J. M. Ryrie is the Treasurer, and Miss Anna E. Nisbet, Secretary.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY of Alton, in the consideration of the philanthropic work of the community, is entitled to more than a passing mention. It is a member of the State Society, under the active direction of the President, Mrs. H. M. Schweppe, and its representative, Mrs. S. Demuth, efficiently backed by the Vice-President, Miss Helen Haskell, the Secretary, Mrs. G. A. McMillen, and the Treasurer, Mr. George H. Smiley. The good work done under the strenuous over-



sight of the President and their representative is a marvel. The sick families, the deserted women, the helpless children fed, clothed and rescued—some from inefficient or cruel parents, sometimes from lives of shame, assisted and cared for by the society, are almost numberless. The starving, deserving, or sick animals cared for or put out of their misery through the watchful vigilance of these women, cannot be counted. Their work and efforts are ceaseless.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, on



MISS JULIA A. BUCKMASTER,

For Years a Leader in the Social and Business Activities of the City, and Author of this Section of "Alton, Illinois."

of Alton, who, in 1909, recognized the necessity for a centre of this kind for the young people and the children of the section. It is entirely non-sectarian in management and methods. Physicians give their service in the dispensary, ladies their time free, teaching domestic science, paying special attention to sewing and mending. In musical development one lady has given her service free one night a week since 1909, to the little ones. The work and house is under the charge of an Executive Board of



MRS. L. B. FISHER,

President Woman's Council and The Browning Club.

East Second street, is a simple, homely civic charity which is doing a fine work right in the section where most needed. It is the outcome of a general movement among the women of the Missionary Social Union



MRS. GEORGE A. SAUVAGE,

President of the Dominant Ninth Choral Society of Alton.

twelve ladies, with a superintendent for the immediate relief of the wants of the necessitous.

THE AMERICAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE has a chapter of about 100 members. They are the owners of a delightful club house overlooking the Mississippi. The officers of the local chapter are Mrs. Angie R. Schweppe, President, and Mrs. Lillian Schneider, Secretary. While the philanthropic and educational plan of the originator of the League idea has unfortunately "gone awry," the local promoters of the League hope to be



MRS. CORA B. ROHLAND,

Founder and General Director of The Dominant Ninth Choral Society of Alton.

able to make this charming bungalow Club House the rendezvous for the local women's organizations, and thus turn the "shadow into sunshine."

THE DOMINANT NINTH is the expressive title of the organization which, with the acknowledged individuality and ability of Mrs. Cora D. Rohland, its originator, gives Alton a pre-eminence in the musical world far beyond that of many American cities of much greater population. "The Mendelssohn," a ladies' musical organization, through Mrs. Roh-

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MISS FLORENCE DOLBEE,  
Librarian  
Hayner Memorial Library.

nant Ninth: Mrs. J. M. Ryrie, Mrs. Jacob Wead, Mrs. Carl Wuerker, and Mrs. George A. Sauvage.

THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL goes back in its inception more than a score of years. A few women interested in the spirit of the times decided to organize for the study of the problems entering into their daily life, individually and collectively. A number responded to the call for the first meeting, and have worked enthusiastically ever since. The topics selected during the earlier

years were such as affect most strongly the home life. Later they made a complete change in the line of study, taking up historical and literary subjects. From September to June they meet monthly, holding select meetings full of pleasure and profit. The first President, Mrs. L. B. Fisher, has been annually, unanimously, re-elected.

THE BROWNING CLUB is an offshoot of the Council, and has also the pleasure of enjoying the leadership of Mrs. Fisher. The members meet monthly to analyze and enjoy the works of the English poet for whom the society is named. Prominently connected with both clubs are Mrs. George R. Hewitt, Mrs. Harriet E. Root, Mrs. Charlotte Loudon, Mrs. T. A. Taylor, and Mrs. Louise Williams.



MRS. JOHN LEVERETT,  
Founder and President  
of the  
Vigilant Improvement Association.

THE VIGILANT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION is the modern, annexed name of the Village Improvement Association, organized in Upper Alton in 1908. Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. John Leverett, this society was formed for aesthetic, artistic and practical work in many points looking towards the betterment of every day life in this then and now delightful part of the Altons. Their efforts have been eminently successful. The Association also holds a



MISS ELIZABETH JOHNSTON,  
Professor of English,  
Shurtleff College, Alton.



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membership in the Illinois Outdoor Improvement Association especially interested in the general movement for landscape culture, including everything which tends to beautifying exteriors of cities and country towns, and its mission covers a wide field. The present officers of the Vigilant Improvement Association are President, Mrs. John Leverett; Vice-President, Mrs. A. M. Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. George D. Eaton; Treasurer, Mrs. H. T. Burnap; Auditor, Mrs. M. H. Murphy.

THE UPPER ALTON WOMAN'S CLUB is the literary expression of a college town's natural bent to fraternize the people of culture. It was through the energy of a few leading society women of this portion of the city that the Club was organized.

MRS.  
SOPHIA H.  
DEMUTH,  
City Health  
Officer, and  
Representative  
of the  
Humane  
Society.

It has faithfully carried out the objects of its formation for educational and social advantages. Its success has been no surprise and its record one of pride to the entire community. The officers are: Miss Agatha Murphy, President; Mrs. H. T. Burnap, Vice President; Mrs. E. A. Cook, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Alice E. Rodgers, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Geo. M. Levis, Treasurer.

THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN ALTON are sumptuous. The Monticello Seminary was conducted for forty years by one woman who has left a most enviable record as preceptress, woman and



now under the supervision of another zealous exemplar for the young American girl of today. The buildings, grounds, and all the surroundings in Godfrey are ideal. The advantages at Shurtleff for the girl students are fully equal to those guaranteed the boys, and the situation of the college equally fine,

in a chaste, healthful section of Alton. The Carnegie Library—the College Library—supplements in a way the Hayner Memorial Library, and together they give almost unlimited opportunities to women and girls for reference and general reading.

The Ursuline Academy also has an ideal location, with enchanting views over the Mississippi and the beautiful country on both sides of the river. The education for girls here is both practical and comprehensive, embracing primary, preparatory, academic and commercial departments, with special branches for French and German. The High School, with its well qualified teachers, its varied

MISS  
WILHELMENA  
TRENCHERY,

A Leader in the  
Musical Life of  
the City

ments and commodious and modern school rooms, supplies the well grounded

facts for the ordinary avocations of life. With the Commercial College giving their courses as desired, Alton is certainly a generous supporter of the practical features of the advanced woman's theories.





# SOME REPRESENTATIVE ALTON FIRE STATIONS.

No. 3 (The Eliot).—1500 East Second Street.

No. 2.—Second and Henry Streets.

No. 4.—Central and Phinney Avenues.

No. 1.—State and Wall Streets.

No. 5.—2405 State Street.





AN UPPER ALTON LANDSCAPE,  
Corner College Avenue and Seminary Street.

## Section Eleven.

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A City of Charming Homes, With Magnificent  
Building Spots for Future Expansion.



LUCAS PFEIFFENBERGER,  
Mayor  
1871-3, 1874-5, 1881-3

Having more hills and bluffs than any other city in the Mississippi Valley, Alton is essentially a beauty spot in civic development and a city of homes. These bluffs, which tower above the mighty river, are an asset, admitting of rare opportunities in the "City Beautiful" movement, impossible where the topography of the outlying country and the city itself is level.

Alton's elevation makes it a most desirable residential city. It is abundantly blessed by nature with facilities for drainage, water and scenery.

The Alton Bluffs conduce not only to visual charm, but health as well. This is proven by the death rate of 14.4 persons to the thousand population. Situated on high and rolling ground, with natural drainage in conjunction with a modern sewerage system, Alton's sanitary conditions are ideal. It has a southern exposure, insuring maximum sunshine and health. Climatic conditions suitable to life in the open air explains Alton's health advantages.

The last census shows the mortality rate of St. Louis as 15.77; Chicago, 19.01; Cincinnati, 20.1; Boston, 20.4. New York, 22.8; and New Orleans, 28.9 to the thousand population.

Alton's mean temperature for January is 31 degrees and 79 degrees for July, a mean average of 55 degrees for the whole year, as reported by the United States Signal Service, proving that Alton enjoys out-door weather nearly all the year.

Because of the protection of its elevation, Alton is free from cyclones and violent storms by wind or rain.





L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS  
 RESIDENCE OF MRS. MARY D. JOB,  
 442 East Twelfth Street, Alton.



L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS  
 RESIDENCE OF HENRY S. BAKER,  
 629 East Fifteenth Street, Alton.



RESIDENCE OF THOMAS P. DOOLING,  
 1315 North Washington Street, Alton.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. LUCIA I. PRIEST,  
 419 Henry Street, Alton.





RESIDENCE OF MRS. JOHN E. HAYNER,  
1418 State Street, Alton.

L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.



RESIDENCE OF CASPER J. JACOBY,  
1029 Langdon Street, Alton.

L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS





RESIDENCE OF DR. WALDO FISHER,  
503 Summit Street.



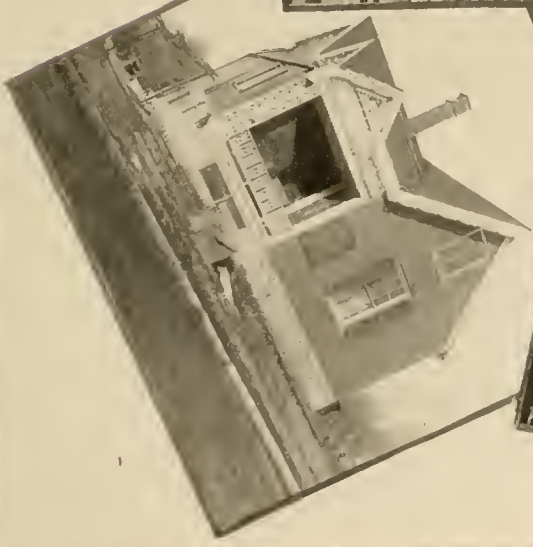
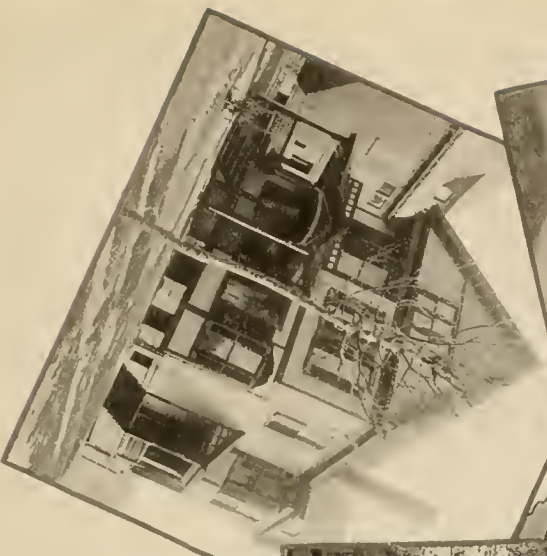
RESIDENCE OF WEERT BAUER,  
324 East Third Street.



RESIDENCE OF JAMES M. MAUPIN,  
406 East Third Street.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN H. BAUMANN,  
714 Euclid Avenue.  
L. PEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS



**SOME ELEGANT ALTON RESIDENCES.**

Philip W. Coyle, 1126 State Street.  
Albert F. Erbeck, 419 Bluff Street.

George M. Ryle, 1308 Henry Street.

Frank P. Hearne, Fourth and Alloy Streets.  
Anton L. Hloppe, 1224 Washington Avenue.





RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM H. FELDWSCH,  
615 Washington Avenue.

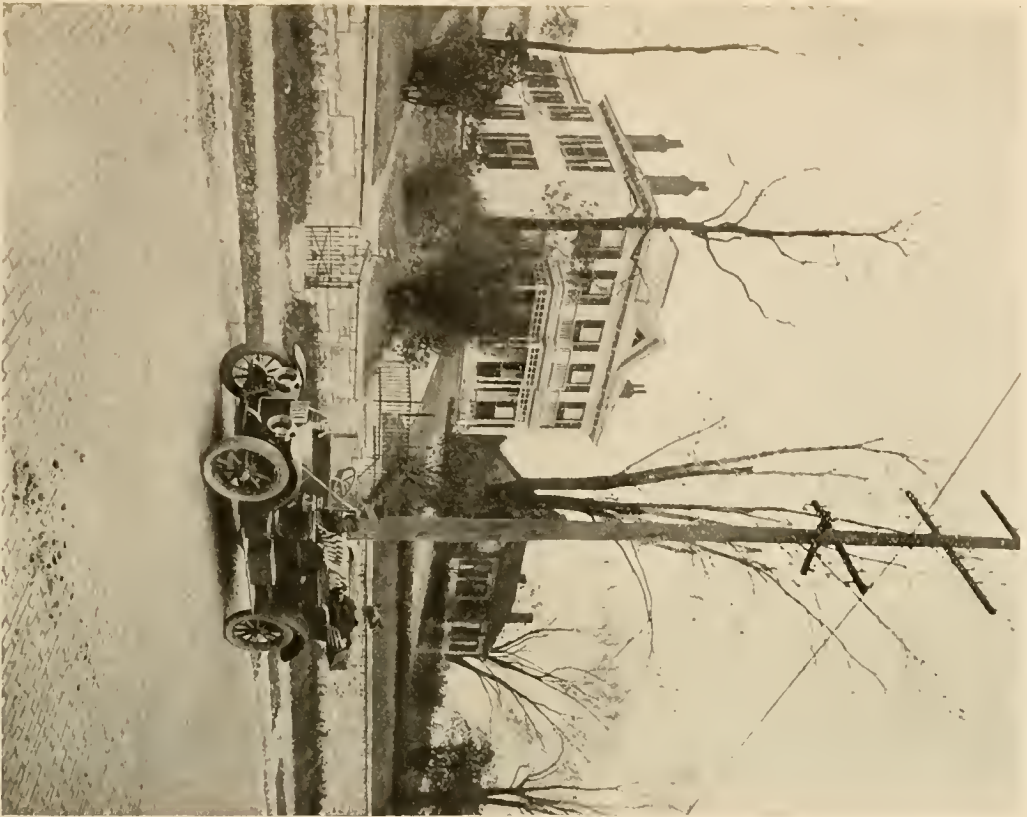


RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM M. ASH, JR.,

L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS

Contractor of Brick Work, Tile Setting, Etc., 1215 Union Street, Alton, Illinois.

Brick Contractor: Commercial Building, Y. M. C. A., Corrugated Paper Co., Drill Hall and Barrack C, Western Military Academy, German Evangelical Church, St. Mary's Parsonage, Alton Woman's Home, Cherry Street Baptist Church, Power House and Main Factory Alton Brick Works, Edwardsville High School, McKinley School, and Many Other Important Local and Nearby Structures.



RESIDENCE OF J. MAGNUS RYRIE.  
424 East Fourth Street,  
Alton, Illinois.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. JANET WATSON,  
628 Alby Street,  
Alton, Illinois.  
L. FEIFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.



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RESIDENCE OF HENRY WARDEIN,  
Contractor and Builder,  
1020 Diamond Street, Alton, Illinois.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN LEVERETT,  
Leverett Avenue, Alton, Illinois.

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RESIDENCE OF H. K. JOHNSTON,  
314 East Fourth Street, Alton, Illinois.

L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, ARCHITECTS.



RESIDENCE OF EDWARD P. WADE,  
1014 Henry Street, Alton, Illinois.





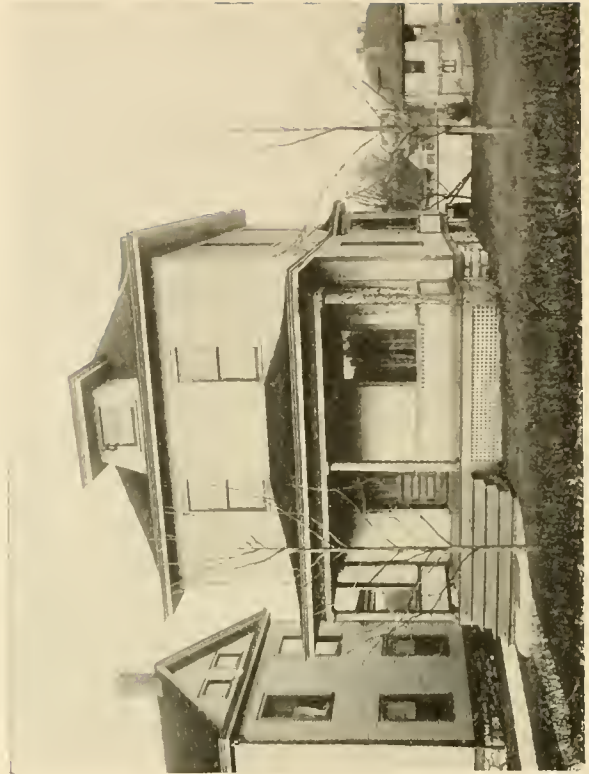
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 RESIDENCE OF DR. A. C. BARR,  
 1115 State Street.



RESIDENCE OF COL. A. F. RODGERS,  
 105 Rodgers Avenue.



JAMES M. MAUPIN, ARCHITECT.  
 RESIDENCE OF JOHN ZAUGG,  
 1208 State Street.



RESIDENCE OF ALEXANDER F. COUSLEY,  
 608 East Sixteenth Street.



B. C. Richardson, 524 East Seventh Street.  
(*James W. Maupin, Architect.*)  
J. A. Cousley, Sixth and Alby Streets.

### SOME ELEGANT ALTON RESIDENCES.



George R. Hewitt, 1411 Liberty Street.  
(*L. Pfeifferberger & Son, Architects.*)

W. M. Sauvage, 1521 Henry Street.  
George Burton, Tenth and Alby Streets.





RESIDENCE OF JOHN T. GUSTINE,

Real Estate,  
109 Rodgers Avenue, Alton.



RESIDENCE OF HENRY J. BUCKSTRUP,

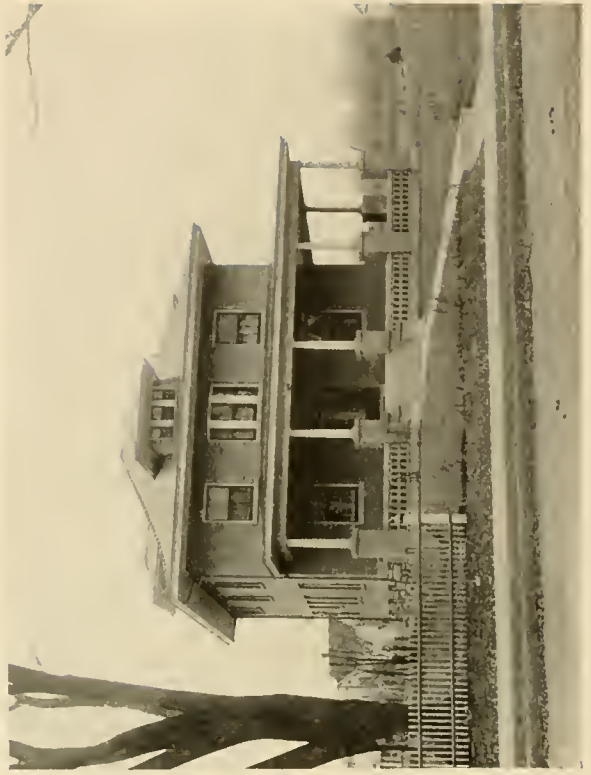
Godfrey, Illinois.  
CONTRACTOR A. W. KLEINSCHNITTGER, 315 PIASA STREET

J. M. MAUPIN, ARCHITECT



RESIDENCE AND A BIT OF THE FRUIT FARM OF WILLIAM JACKSON, NURSERYMAN,

Godfrey Road,  
On Line of A. J. & P. Trolleys.



RESIDENCE OF DALLAS D. HUGHEY,

1106 Washington Avenue, Alton.

J. M. MAUPIN, ARCHITECT

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RESIDENCE OF EDWARD M. BOWMAN,  
711 Euclid Avenue.



RESIDENCE OF DR. J. N. SHAFF,  
1513 Central Avenue, Alton, Illinois.





RESIDENCE OF MAX VON BINZER,  
225 Bostwick Avenue, Alton.



RESIDENCE OF COUNCILMAN CLARENCE B. HAWKINS,  
2114 Seminary Street, Alton.  
First Representative in the Council After the Annexation of Upper Alton.

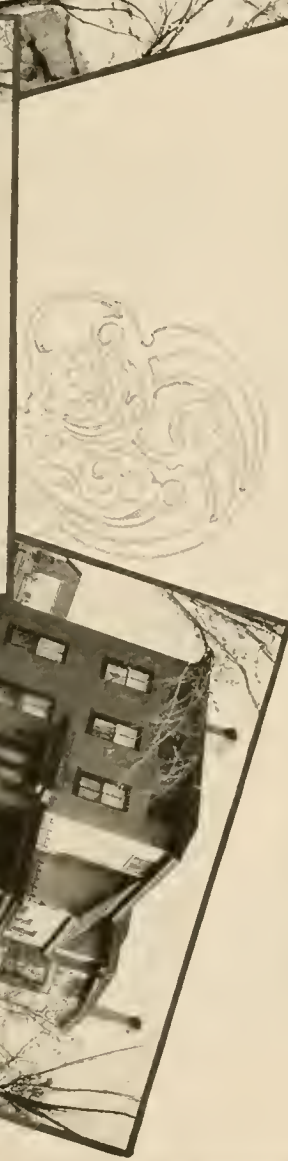


THE WOODRIVER BRANCH OF THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

A Conspicuous Feature of the Landscape to the Right of the Trolley Line on a Trip from East St. Louis, after Leaving Mitchell,  
is this Wonderful Aladdin-like City which has Sprung up in the Last Four Years.



George M. Lewis, South Washington Avenue.  
Charles Lewis, 611 State Street.



# SOME ELEGANT ALTON RESIDENCES.

R. H. Lewis, 760 Washington Avenue.

Nelson Lewis, 1019 State Street.  
Henry H. Ferguson, 628 East Fifteenth Street.





## "Alton -- Illinois"

THIS LITTLE MAP SHOWS THE FORTUNATE LOCATION OF THE "BLUFF CITY" AND THE EXTENSIVE COUNTRY FROM WHICH SHE DRAWS TRADE, AND ALTON'S NEARNESS TO OTHER IMPORTANT CENTERS.



WASHINGTON AVENUE, BUNKER HILL, ON DRESS PARADE, "FLORAL DAY."

## Section Twelve.

Some of Alton's Distinguished Neighbors.

Bunker Hill, East Alton, Benbow, Wood River, Godfrey,  
Chautauqua, Grafton, Jerseyville.



JAMES JENCKS,  
MAYOR  
BUNKER HILL.

A son of the old Granite State, well-named True, and a Bostonian by the name of Tilden, in 1836, founded Bunker Hill, one of the most interesting of the neighbors of Alton. Many of its early settlers were New Englanders, men of virility, virtue, courage and patriotism, and the name they gave their new home speaks volumes in itself. It is now a city of 1,300 people, with two banks, a weekly newspaper, a number of fine school buildings, representative churches of most of the leading denominations, and is the center of a rich agricultural district. Its daily shipment of milk to St. Louis is an important resource. It is one of the notably well-kept, shady and charming cities of this region and has many beautiful residences which make it particularly attractive to visitors as well as the home-owner. The great attraction of the city is The Bunker Hill Military Academy, which carries its renown to all quarters of the country. It was founded in 1857, and previous to 1883 it was a private school. In '83 it was converted into a military school by Col. S. S. Stiver,

a distinguished educator and scholar. Under his administration the Academy grew and prospered. He died in October, 1910, and was succeeded as superintendent by the Rev. William Marburger, the present executive. The institution is located on the outskirts of the city in a beautiful section, and has a campus rarely equalled. It is a home school designed to meet the wants of parents who wish for their sons the benefit of careful and systematic training. It prepares for business, college or university and government schools, and affords its graduates a sufficient training in military science to enable them to perform official duties at any time in military affairs. The select character of the Academy, its homelike features and the special care taken for the safety, health



## Some Distinguished Neighbors

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THE BUNKER HILL MILITARY ACADEMY, MAIN BUILDING, WITH OFFICE,  
Bunker Hill, Illinois, U. S. A.

and happiness of the cadets makes the school an unexcelled institution for boys of smaller as well as larger size. The students now represent twenty States of the Union, China and Japan.



THE BUNKER HILL MILITARY ACADEMY,  
A FIRING SQUAD.

Much Time is Given to the Perfect Execution of the Manual of Arms, to Firing Exercises, Position, and Aiming Drills.

## Some Distinguished Neighbors

During the past few years the suburbs of Alton have been utilized very extensively for manufacturing plants of national importance, and they indicate decidedly what is bound to follow in the years to come.

EAST ALTON, an immediate neighbor, has altogether the business air and atmosphere, and is a place of thrift rather than beauty. But it is dominated by earnest and sincere men, ambitious for its advancement, and already has a good city government, a fine city building and public school, two churches, mod-



A. E. BENBOW,  
Founder and Present Mayor of Benbow.

viduality of this miniature city of the first importance.

WOODRIVER, for convenience, has two trolley stations, and has grown within five years from nothingness to a most imposing and picturesque feature of the landscape between Alton and Mitchell. The resources of the Standard Oil Company have made the place bloom with big round tanks which appeal not altogether like the rose to the curious traveler whose optics open with wonder as these great storehouses loom up on the horizon one after another. Hereabouts is centering



A STREET SCENE IN EAST ALTON.

ern railroad stations, and a population of over five hundred.

BENBOW CITY is a unique little municipality almost smothered by the overlapping and encroaching propensities of a big neighbor. It still is, however, and Colonel Benbow, its sturdy Mayor, holds the indi-



THE CITY BUILDING, EAST ALTON.

a little growing city of ambitious men who are already building up a town with all the modern facilities of to-day. And they are making a place for it "on the map."

FEDERAL is the headquarters of Federal Lead Co., and Alton Box Board & Paper Company.



# Some Distinguished Neighbors

Along the line of the C., P. & St. L. R. R., commonly called "The Bluff Line," between Alton and Grafton there are a number of the most enticing outing spots of the region. CLIFTON TERRACE is one of the colonies of cottages where the "summerer" likes to reside. RIEHL's is on the Bluff, a private place, which for 50 years has been the intensely loved home of its present owner,



all to those who love the water. The very first impression of the place is "Well! here is a choice spot!" And one can revel in the boating, fishing and swimming which makes life worth the living on the Mississippi a good portion of the season. It is a gem place. Some of the finest boats built anywhere are turned out here.

W. H.  
JOURNEY,  
Mayor,  
Grafton,  
Ill.



A BIT OF GRAFTON AND THE MIGHTY RIVER.

and with good reason, for the views from its hills are ravishing. ELSAH is a quaint old place where the freedom of repose is a main feature, with its bluffs from which to get more of the great river's panoramic views. And PRASA CHAUTAUQUA with its 100 cottages, its summer program, its inviting hotel, and the pool for the youngsters, is all that is claimed for it. The river excursions from Alton and St. Louis to this spot are happy incidents of the season.

GRAFTON is another of those places which appeals most of

A GOOD  
CATCH.  
550 lbs.  
of  
Catfish.



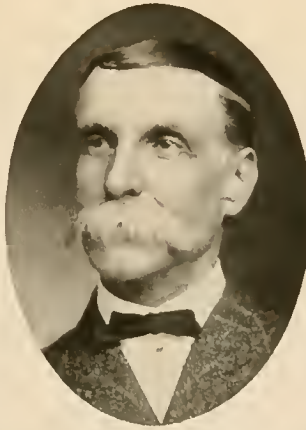
And some of the biggest fish caught on the three rivers are brought in here. Pearls are found in the clams frequently raked up by Graftonians. It is right at the mouth of the Illinois River; has a good newspaper, schools, banks and churches, and some very fine homes and a good hotel. Its people and Mayor are as hospitable as the city looks.

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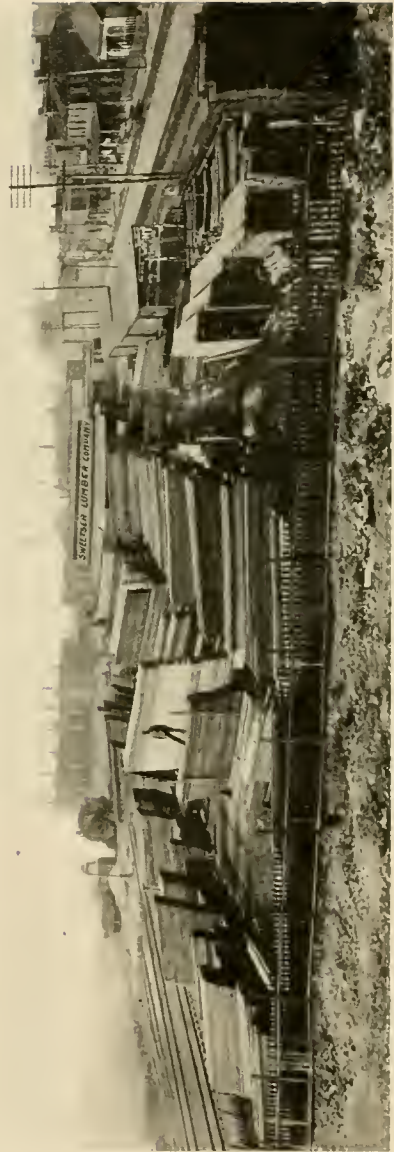
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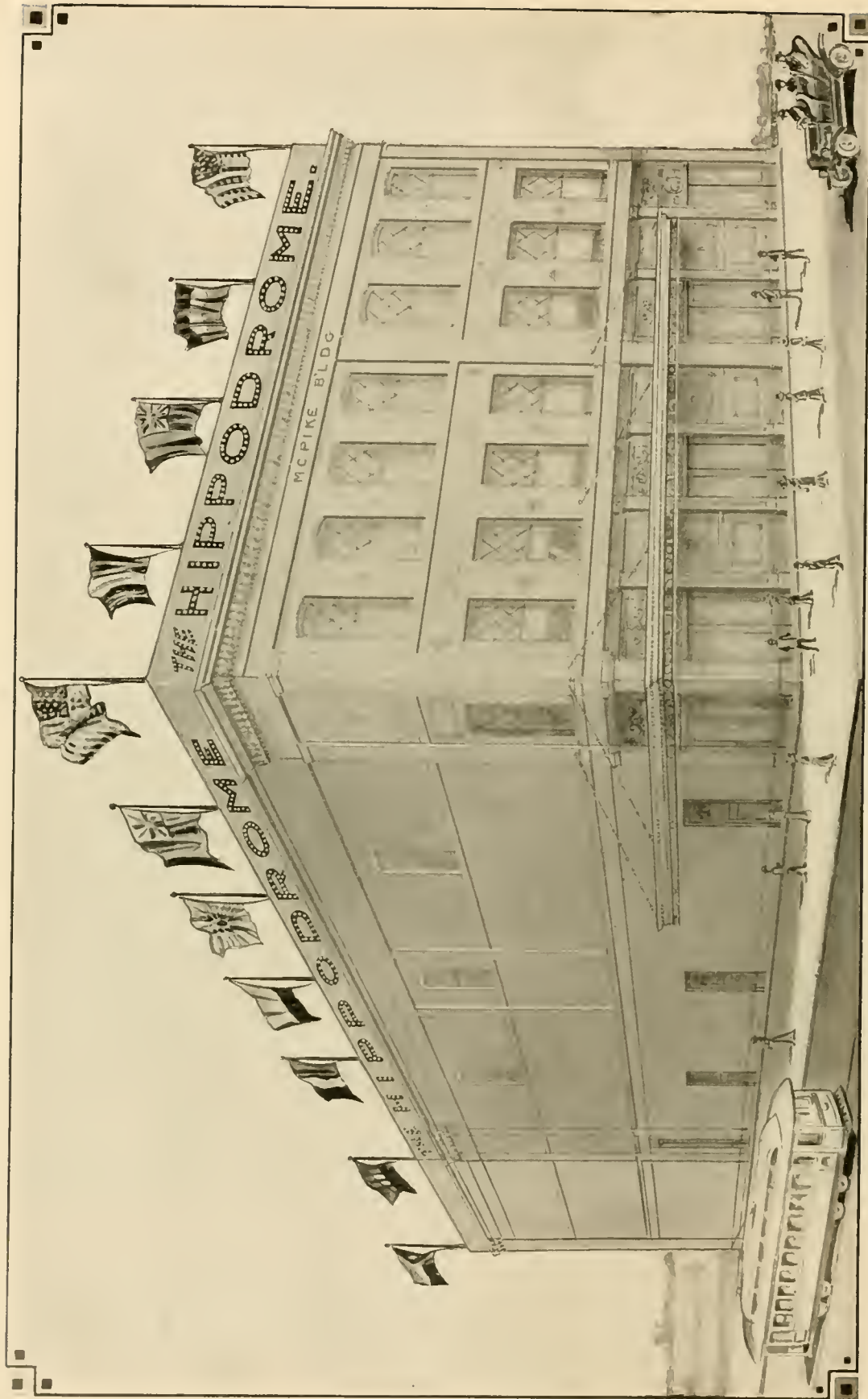
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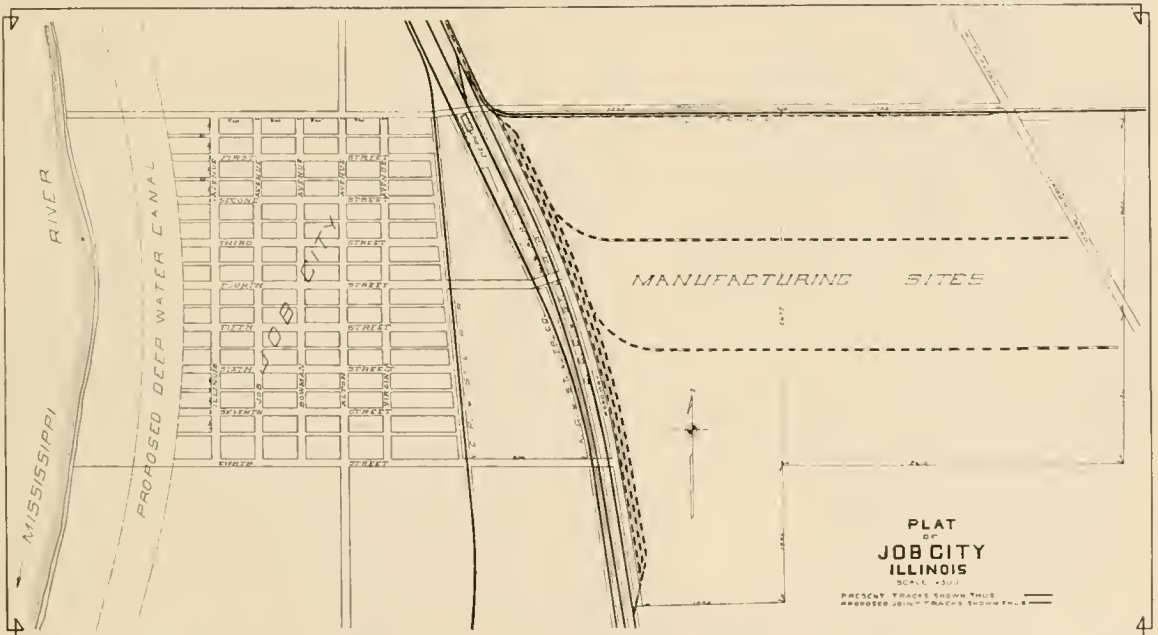
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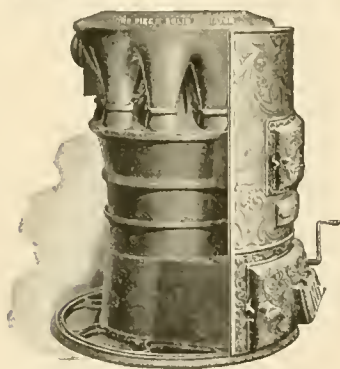
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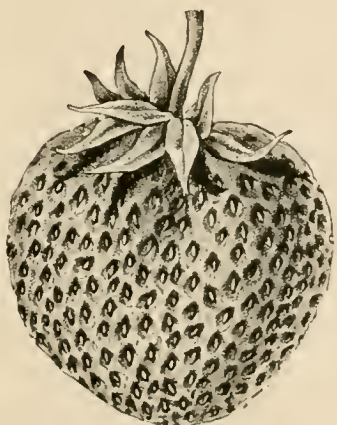
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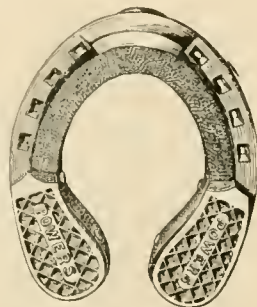
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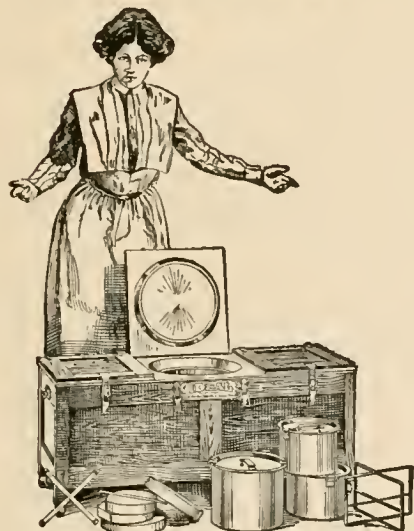
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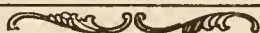
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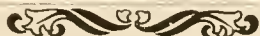
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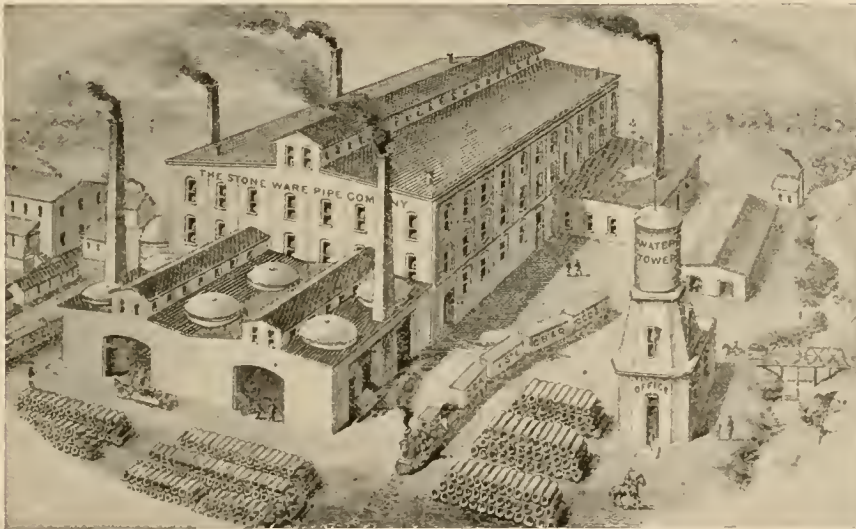
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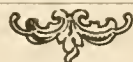


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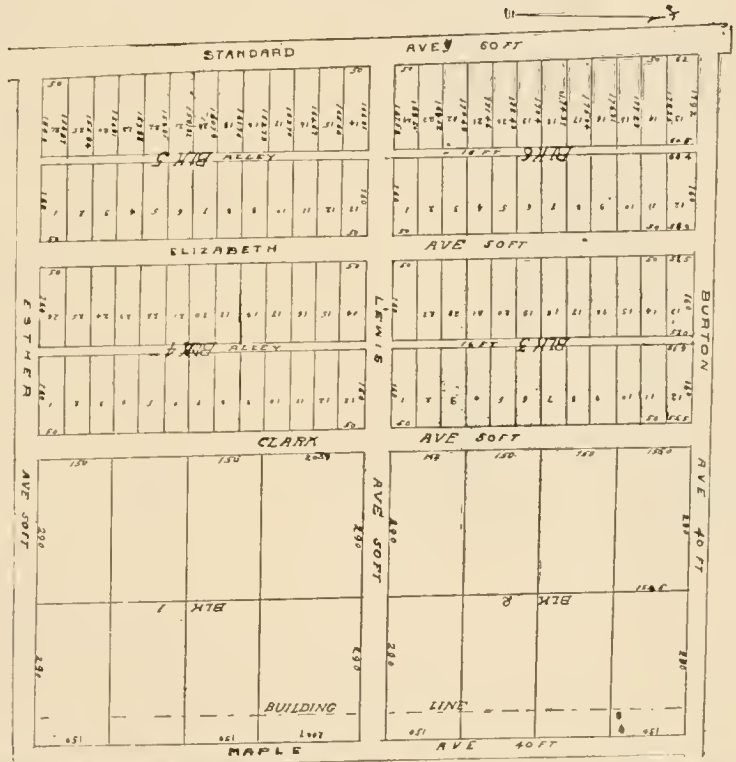
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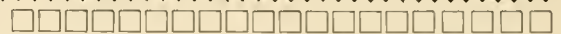
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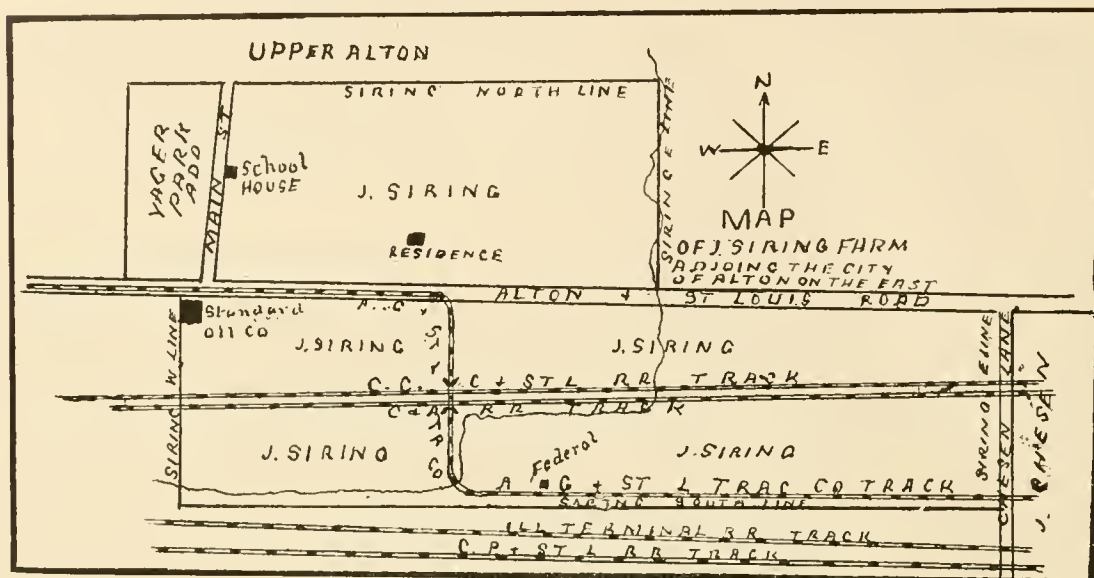
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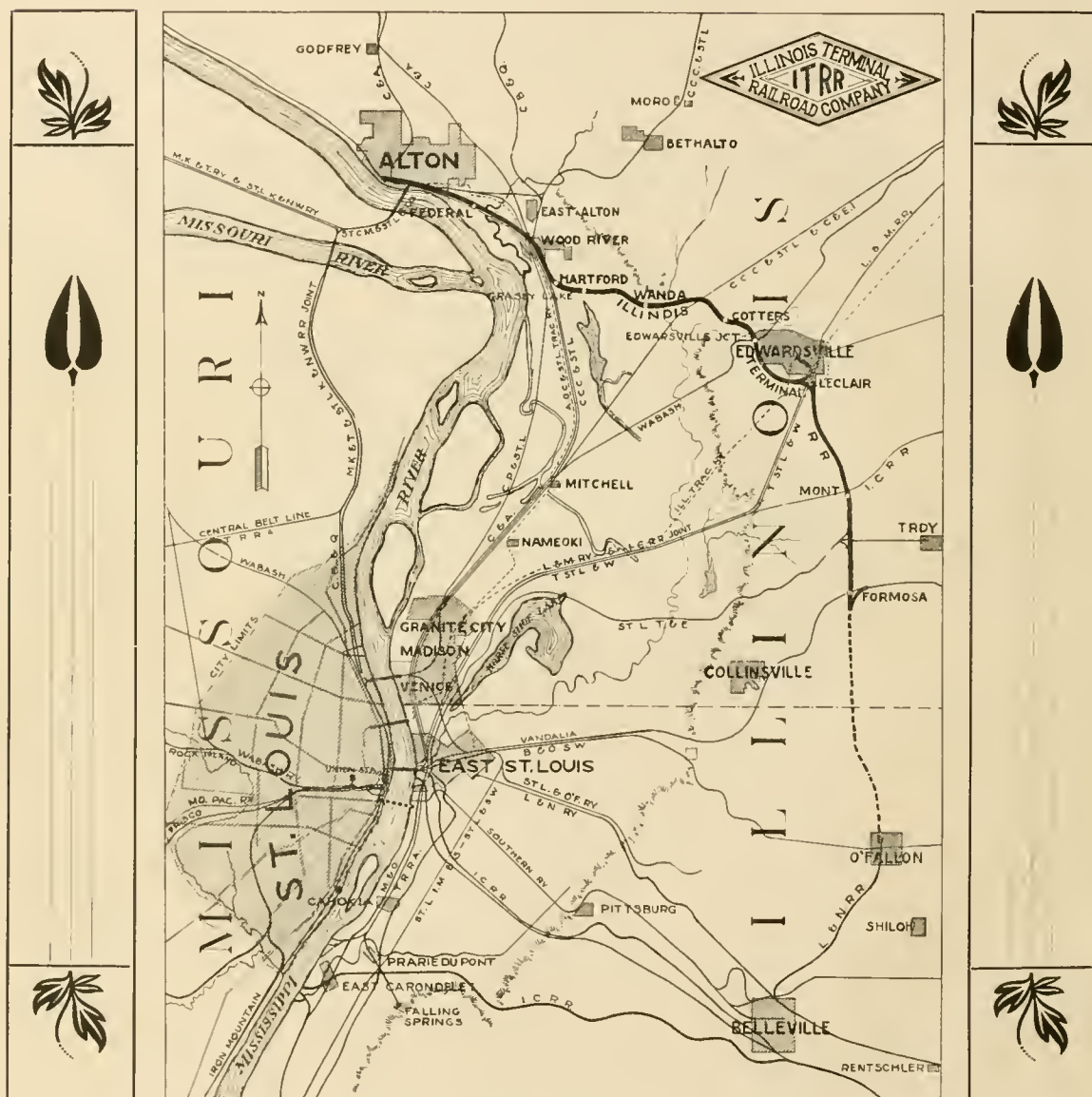
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